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FIELD FULL OF FAT HOGS

TOO MUCH IDLE LAND IN OLD GRANVILLE.

A Citizen of Oxford Saw Land in a Near-by County Sell for Four Hundred Dollars an Acre.

If we were called upon to name the greatest single drawback to the county of Granville we would hesitatingly say that it is the abandoned lands. During the past summer the editor of the Public Ledger has taken short trips to practically every part of the county and we were greatly surprised to find so much abandoned land.

Something like 225 years ago, the first farmers began to work their way into the interior of the State and since that very date immigration to America has grown in volume as transportation facilities have increased, but for some reason, which is not entirely plain to our mind, old Granville is as yet without as many farmers as she needs. Take a trip over the county and you will be struck with the great number of abandoned fields on almost every farm. Why does such a state of affairs exist? It is simply a lack of knowledge on the part of our people to grasp and hold the truth and work with a view that what improved "me improves my neighbor." We could understand conditions thoroughly if the soil and the climate of Granville were not the best, but an Allwise Providence has vouchsafed to us a fertile soil and a salubrious climate.

We must look elsewhere to find a reason why all the land in Granville is not under cultivation. There is a screw loose somewhere, and we know hundreds of men in Granville county who are rich and don't know it. It is a sin to be land poor. In our rounds we saw a field of corn some six or seven miles from Oxford, perhaps fifty acres in all, and there was not a decent ear in the whole field. The farmer tried to cover too much ground, and what he needs was concentration. If you do not believe this assertion, the first time you are in Oxford call on Mr. C. H. Easton, of the firm of Landis & Easton, who produced on two acres of land this year in the corporate limits of Oxford enough wheat to supply his family for twelve months, and the same patch is now heavily laden with tall corn, there being two and three ears on each stalk.

Mr. W. D. Rives, local manager of the Home Telegraph and Telephone Company, who has just returned from a visit to the Eastern part of the State, says that he saw a track of land not far from Greenville, Pitt county, sub-divided and sold at the rate of four hundred dollars an acre. He also stated that he saw a field nearby in which there were more than one hundred fat hogs. There's prosperity for you, land selling at four hundred dollars an acre and near by was a field full of fat hogs! If it had ever entered our mind that Granville county was not the equal of Pitt or any other county in the State we had just as soon be in South Carolina, and you know in what direction that is.

Some one has remarked that "The greatest study of mankind is man," and there can be no doubt that the greatest study for the people of Granville is "How best to conserve the idle lands of Granville." The Public Ledger is fully convinced that the best plan is to split up the big tracks and try to inhabit them with thrifty truck growers. Nothing could help the county more than this plan well executed.

Inasmuch as we resided some years ago in a county where neither tobacco or cotton were grown, and having never heard the cry of hard times in said county, we feel that we are entitled to speak plain in the premises.

A NEAT INVITATION

Issued in Good Form by the Granville Commercial Club.

We must heartily commend the Commercial Club in their timely action in getting out a neat folder and inviting the farmers in Granville and adjoining counties to make Oxford their trading and market town. The folder concludes as follows:

"No matter what class of merchandise you may want to buy, you will find the merchants of Oxford prepared to supply your every want and need at the lowest prices, and the salesmen and employees will take pleasure in serving you. The Oxford Tobacco market will open September 15, 1915. The Warehousemen and a full corps of buyers are in a position to, and will use every effort to, maintain Oxford's reputation as the leading tobacco market of this section, guaranteeing the highest prices."

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb and Miss Mary Webb, accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Briggs, of Raleigh, are attending the Flat River Missionary Union meeting at Virgilina.

MR. R. W. LASSITER TALKS

Spends a Day in Oxford and Returns to Washington.

Mr. R. W. Lassiter, of the Treasury Department, Washington, was in Oxford Wednesday. Mr. Lassiter is always interesting and never more so than when talking of government affairs. In speaking of President Wilson, Mr. Lassiter says that the great man knows as little about politics as the average college student; that he is a very able man and is governed entirely by principle.

Mr. Lassiter is decidedly of the opinion that the time has arrived in North Carolina when business men should manage the affairs of State.

"I have known many brilliant lawyers," said Mr. Lassiter, "but I can count on the fingers of one hand every one of them that possess business qualifications to a marked degree," and here he mentioned Gen. B. S. Royster, Judge Winston, Hon. T. T. Hicks and possibly others as being qualified to combine law with business.

Mr. Lassiter expressed the opinion that it would be fatal to the Democratic party to entrust the business of the State in the hands of politicians, that the failure to do so would be a trump card in the hands of the Republicans, and once the affairs of State fell into the hands of the Republicans it would require years and any amount of young Democratic blood to arrest it from their power.

Mr. Lassiter loves his dear old Granville. Nothing, he said, gave him more pleasure than to note the tendency among the good farmers of the county to diversify crops and give their attention to raising of live stock.

Mr. Lassiter's presence among us inspires confidence in the goodness of things, and the people of town and country will learn with pleasure that he will return to Oxford in a couple of weeks and spend two or three weeks among us.

SMART CHILDREN WIN PRIZES

The Story Tellers' League Suspends For a Season.

The Story Teller's League held its last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Elliott Friday morning. Notwithstanding the rainy weather a large crowd attended.

The meeting was turned over entirely to the children, as it was the day set to give prizes. Quite a number competed very creditably. The prizes were won by Misses Elizabeth Niles, Betsy Ballou, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Hall, Masters Will Hicks and Craig Calvert.

The Story Tellers' League has been quite a success and the children will look forward with pleasure to its resumption next spring.

THE BIG TENT MEETING

TABB CREEK CHURCH SCENE OF RELIGIOUS GATHERING

Rev. Raymond Browning's Big Tent, Seating Eighteen Hundred People, Now Ready for the Great Throng.

(Communicated.)

The evangelistic campaign, to be conducted by Evangelist Raymond Browning and his helpers, will start next Sunday, September 12, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

This revival meeting will continue for three weeks. Closing October 3rd. This meeting will be held under Rev. Raymond Browning's big tent which seats eighteen hundred people. The churches directly concerned in this meeting are Salem, Hermon, and Bethel, of the Oxford Circuit. All other sister churches in reach are cordially invited to take part, and get all the good they can. We also cordially invite the town of Oxford to share this wonderful opportunity of a lifetime with us.

Do not be fresh enough to be kept away because some little fellow who has never helped save a soul and is not in harmony with the great evangelistic work of God's Church, simply does not like Browning, says something against the meeting, go and hear for yourself, and if you do not like it then it will be time to stop. Everyone is cordially invited, and we want you to feel welcome.

CHAS. A. JONES,
Pastor of Oxford Circuit.

A Fine Lesson—We trust that the old and the young everywhere will avail themselves of the privilege of studying the current International Sunday School Lesson entitled, "Elijah's Flight and Return." General B. S. Royster has returned and will teach the Baptist Baraca class this Sunday, and this is one of the subjects that his class of more than one hundred and fifty will delight to hear him expound.

FULGHUM OATS FOR SALE—NICE clean lot of seed. Oxford Orphan Asylum. Also Alfalfa Hay for sale. 7-18-8t.

HATS OFF TO THE BOARD

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE RESCUE

The Missing Link in the Public Highway Beyond Dickerson Station is to be Restored—The Road Force Will be Augmented.

By reference to the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners elsewhere in this issue of the Public Ledger it will be seen that they withdrew the road force from another place in the county to repair a short strip of road out beyond Dickerson near the Vance county line. It was a brave and noble deed. This was the piece of road that the Public Ledger frequently referred to. It was in such a condition as to drive the good people at the other end of the strip in the wrong direction. One of the Commissioners told us on the morning of the meeting that he had gone over the road and made a personal inspection and that he had no idea that the conditions were such as he found them.

Messrs. A. H. Powell, Joe Baird and Chas. W. Bryan appeared before the Board and made strong talks in favor of connecting up the link. They were followed by Commissioner Hart who most heartily endorsed the work. He stated that he had never before seen so many of the business men of Oxford present at the meeting of the Board and that he was glad to see them take an interest in county affairs. Mr. Hart is one of the squarest men in the county, and the Public Ledger congratulates him on the wholesome stand he took in behalf of the commercial prestige of the county.

If there be a person in Granville county who doubts the wisdom and integrity of the County Board of Commissioners, now is the time to beg their pardon. Their timely action in taking over the short strip of road in question is nothing short of a rescue. The work was so urgent that they withdrew their forces from another section of the county, at the cost of their popularity to mend it before the winter rains set in. But Granville county is full of good and noble men and when they come to realize the importance of this short connecting link they, too, will congratulate the Board for their timely consideration of a matter that greatly concerned the commercial prestige of the county.

THE FIRST IN THE FIELD

The Announcement of the Long Company.

The buyers for the Long Company having returned from the Northern markets and unpacked their goods, the Long Company are the first of our merchants to speak to the general public through the columns of the Public Ledger. The optimistic tone of the announcement, which appears on the last page of this paper, coming as it does from a firm thoroughly posted, is of more than general interest to the reading public. It sets forth in a most comprehensive manner the real conditions that obtain.

GRANVILLE CITIZENS ABROAD

Mr. T. S. Waller Returns From Harrold County.

Just a few words regarding our citizens.

On my recent absence from Oxford I paid a few days visit to Fuquay Springs. I found this little town nearly made up of Granville county people, who have left us in the past seven or eight years, in fact, the surrounding community also were farmers from Granville county, to mention a few, Messrs. J. H. Lyon, John Lyon, Zeb Clark, Bernice Lyon, and W. E. Parrott of the Lyon section. Walter Aiken, A. L. Tillery, Daisy Fleming, Jos. Hester and O. L. Rogers of Northside.

Messrs. Perry and Wade Howard and J. H. Puckett of Culbreth section. Messrs. Currin and Howard are proprietors of the Principal Ware house. Mr. Eugene Howard is Cashier of the bank and hands out the cash to the customers. Messrs. Frank Smith, T. H. Stem, O. T. Tillery, Charlie Beck and Mr. Puckett are the people that sell the groceries and dry goods; Dr. L. T. Buchanan administers to the sick and Mr. Arthur G. Elliott is the druggist who fills the prescriptions. It really looked to me as if Granville county had moved off down in Wake, and started up business.

I was glad to see our people taking such a lead in all the vocations of life, and it again reveals the fact that Granville people can be depended on any where you place them.

T. S. WALLER.

Bank Statement

It gives us pleasure to call attention to the statement of the First National Bank, elsewhere in the Public Ledger. It carries with it an assurance of independence and a relief from worries of the future.

OFF TO THE UNIVERSITY

Practically Every Dormitory Has Been Taken

The following young men from Oxford entered the University of North Carolina on Thursday last, the opening day of the famous institution of learning:

John Graham Webb, Bev. Royster, Roy Royster, Lynwood Bryan and Elliott Cooper.

The authorities are confident that this will be the banner year for the University. Practically every available dormitory room has been taken; and only a few rooms can be found out in the town. The number of old men returning to resume their studies at the University has never been larger.

"The demand for work has never been so keen," said Business Manager C. T. Wooten. "Last year there were 110 applications for the 52 places in Swain Hall—waiters, dishwashers, etc."

Among the additions to the faculty are the following: Dr. George A. Harter, a Ph.D. from Princeton, is an instructor in Latin. For the past few years he has held that position at Princeton. E. W. Turlington—bachelor of arts from the University of North Carolina and from Oxford, England—is also an instructor in Latin. W. W. Pierson—bachelor of arts from the University of Alabama in 1910 and from Columbia in 1915 takes Frank Graham's job as instructor in history. W. W. Rankin—an instructor in mathematics, returns after a year at Harvard.

OXFORD COLLEGE

The Old and Honored Institution Opens Under Favorable Auspices

President Hobgood informs us that the College has opened under favorable auspices. The number of boarding students present and engaged will probably equal the number of last year, while the number of day pupils is already considerably in excess of that of any year since the graded school was opened.

All the teachers are in place. Two new ones are there. Miss Annie Fonville in charge of primary and intermediate departments, Miss Fonvielle graduated here in 1912, and has since taught in the high school of Orrum in Robeson county and two years in Canton Graded schools.

Miss Fisher of Virginia takes the place of Mrs. Woodall who is detained by sickness in her family. Miss Fisher comes with high recommendations.

It is probable that girls and boys, too, will be entering college till October and past, as tobacco and cotton are put on the markets.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TO REPAIR ROAD NEAR VANCE COUNTY LINE.

Sheriff Presents Insolvent List, Which Amounts Only to \$926.87—The Lowest County Insolvent List in the State.

The County Board of Commissioners met on Monday last, the following being present: Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, chairman; R. S. Hart, J. L. Peed, B. W. Allen, and H. C. Floyd.

Ordered that the road force be moved at once to the Vance county line near David Renn's and work road toward Oxford, the force to be increased so as to complete this road as soon as possible. As soon as possible after this road is completed the road force will return to Dutchville and Brassfield townships.

J. L. Turner, Oxford township was exempted from road duty for fall of 1915.

The sheriff presented his insolvent list, which amounted to \$926.87. The clerk was instructed to copy same on books of the official reports.

Mr. Will Walters, a committee appointed to make settlement with the sheriff, made his report and the same was accepted, ordered spread on the minutes.

The clerk of the Board was instructed to add ten per cent to the real estate of the county as directed by the State Tax Commission and proceed with the work of computing the same.

On account of physical infirmity, E. J. Patterson was granted permission to peddle with or without wagon free of charge.

Commissioners Henry C. Floyd was appointed a committee to relocate the road from Tar River bridge to Bragg Cross road.

Commissioner B. I. Breedlove was appointed a committee to see about securing a home for the two Younger children of Robert Richardson at the Colored Orphan Asylum.

The county attorney was instructed to investigate certain tax delinquencies that have been reported, and to take necessary steps to have said tax put on the books and back tax collected.

INSPIRATION OF THE FAIR

OVERPOWERED BY THE GRAND- EUR AND MAGNIFICENCE OF THE SCENE

The Product of the Soil are Teachers and Preachers—Their Beauty Gives Human Life its Finest Entertainment.

One of the best descriptions of a County Fair that we have seen comes from the pen of our old friend Peter Radford. When you enter the agricultural department of the County Fair, says Mr. Radford, you feel your soul uplifted and your life takes on a new power—that is the inspiration of the soil. You are overpowered by the grandeur and magnificence of the scene—that is the spirit of the harvest. You can hear the voice of nature calling you back to the soil—that is opportunity knocking at your door. It is a good chance to spend a quiet hour in contact with the purity and perfection of nature and to sweeten your life with its fragrance elevate your ideals with its beauty and expand your imagination with its power.

These products as food are fit for the gods, and as an article of commerce they ought to bring tip-top prices on any market in the world.

The products of the soil are teachers and preachers as well. Their beauty gives human life its first entertainment, their perfection stirs the genius in artists; their purity furnishes models for growth of character and their marvelous achievements excite our curiosity and we inquire into the wonderful process of nature.

Before leaving the parlor of agriculture where nature is parading in her most graceful attire and science is climbing the giddy heights of perfection, let us pause and take a retrospective view. How many of you know that after these wonderful products are raised, they can seldom be marketed at a profit? Take the blushing Elberta, for example—they were fed to the hogs by the carload last year. The onion—the nation's favorite vegetable—every year rots by the acre in the Southwest for want of a market and as a result hundreds of farmers have lost their homes. Cotton—nature's capitalist—often goes begging on the market at less than cost of production.

It is great to wander through the exhibits while the band is playing "Dixie" and boast of the marvelous fertility of the soil and pride ourselves on our ability to master science, but it is also well to remember that there is a market side to agriculture that does not reflect its hardships in the exhibits at a county fair.

The Ellen Wilson Memorial

The movement on part of the women of the South to establish a memorial to the late Mrs. Woodrow Wilson has taken organized shape, and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem has been selected to head it in North Carolina. The memorial will take the shape of an educational endowment for the children of the mountain sections of the South, and in these Mrs. Reynolds has always manifested a peculiar interest. The Winston-Salem Journal is quite sure she will make a success of her part in the undertaking, because "her heart is in the work." She is "a child of the hills, herself," says the Journal, "having spent her girlhood days almost within the shadow of the Blue Ridge."

"Peg O' My Heart"

The prim little Scotch lass, "Peg O' My Heart," with a full cast will appear at the Orpheum Theatre, Wednesday, September, 22nd. This is the same play that was enjoyed by a full house last season.

"The Old Reliable"

We call attention to the statement of the National Bank of Granville, elsewhere in this paper. Figures speak for themselves. This bank is safe, sound, careful and courteous—the essential attributes of successful banking.

We regret to announce this morning as we go to press the death of Mr. John Ruffin Buchanan, father of Prof. L. T. Buchanan. The Public Ledger will be provided with a sketch of his life for our next issue.

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. 9-1-4t