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OUR DAIRY PRODUCTS

A MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH CREAMERY ROUTES

Granville Commercial Club Holds Important Meeting, in Which Dr. J. A. Morris, W. P. Knott, C. W. Knott, C. H. Cheatham and Others Discuss Conditions.

The Granville Commercial Club had under consideration last Thursday night the all-important question of establishing creamery routes in Granville. It was a very enthusiastic meeting in which Mr. P. W. Knott, president of the Granville County Farmer's Union; Dr. J. A. Morris, County Demonstrator; C. H. Cheatham and C. W. Knott, of the county, were present and made interesting talks.

The meeting was in response to the frequent published statement sent broadcast over the State that the creameries are selling all the butter they can make at fancy prices and that there is a strong demand for more. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that there is a constant demand for butterfat at good prices and that the returns are quick and sure.

The question at issue was, "Can we get enough cream from the farmers to establish routes?" There seems to be no doubt about the demand and the supply, but the best means of gathering it up and getting it to the market was thoroughly discussed. The question was left with a committee composed of Messrs. Josh King, Ben. W. Parham and Eugene Crews with instructions to proceed and report at an early date.

In discussing the question of establishing routes, Mr. C. H. Cheatham said that he had some good cows and that he would raise more, and he gave it as his opinion that the farmers in general would become interested in the proposition as soon as the details were thoroughly understood by them. This opinion was shared by Mr. Knott, Dr. Morris and others.

It will be the pleasure of the committee to get some one in Oxford to receive and ship the cream and keep an accurate account of all business and issue checks as soon as the cream has been received and accounted for at the other end of the line.

"When you get a lot of wide awake men together in a bunch like they were the other night at the Club room, questions of vital importance are apt to bob up at every turn. Here they were, working with a view to devise ways and means of handling the cream, when Mr. Wesley Knott, always enthusiastic for old Granville, most emphatically declared that the time is ripe to establish a "Farmer's Exchange" in Oxford. "The farmers will appreciate anything the business men of Oxford may do along the line of co-operation," said Mr. Knott, "and when they bring anything to Oxford they want to feel reasonably sure that it will find a market, and the most satisfactory way to guarantee fair prices is by establishing a Farmer's Exchange." Long and loud applause.

UNOCCUPIED LANDS

The Farmer is a Manufacturer by Another Name.

A wise man has said "that every farm is a factory," and in every county there are hundreds of these factories which need our best thought and effort to make them more productive. Corn, wheat, oats, hay, beef, mutton, poultry, fruits and garden vegetables, as well as tobacco, are builders of prosperous homes in the country."

A farmer, in the true sense of the word is a manufacturer by another name. And the Public Ledger is of the opinion that Oxford must look to this class of manufacturers for its growth and prosperity.

In view of the fact that there is so much idle and unimproved land in Granville it cannot be doubted that Oxford's opportunity lies outside of the corporate limits.

There could be no better or more lasting investment for Oxford than the cultivation of the idle acres. The surest way to gain and keep prosperity for Oxford is to build up a substantial farming class on the unoccupied lands of the county.

How this can be done is a problem worthy of the best thought and energy of both town and county. It will never come without brains, perseverance and co-operation.

Evening Marriage

This Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the Methodist church will be the scene of a pretty marriage, the contracting parties being Miss Ruth, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Mitchell, and Mr. William Harris, of Wilmington.

We see it stated in the News and Observer that Miss Kate Hays Fleming, one of Oxford's gifted ladies, now residing in Raleigh, played at the sacred concert given last Friday night at the Methodist church in Clayton.

A PERTINENT QUESTION

"For What Purpose," Asks a Correspondent.

A request comes to the Public Ledger to explain for what purpose the State Corporation Commission raised the land value in Granville 10 per cent?

It simply means that the tax books must be revised and a ten per cent increase added to every man's land. In its last analysis it means that every man owning land in Granville must dig a little deeper into his pockets and hand over more money. It would seem that the State needs more money—for some purpose—without asking the County Commissioners or the Public Ledger anything about it. If you will read the following letter, which was sent out in due time, you will know as much about it as we do:

"By direction of the Commission, I am enclosing herewith copy of order of the State Tax Commission in the matter of equalization of assessment of real estate:

"You will note that the Commission has ordered an increase of 10 per cent in assessed value of real property in your county.

"Please note that this increase is not to be applied for the year 1915 to real property of banks and railroads, but is to be applied to the real property of these corporations for the year 1916, and we wish to caution you not to omit in the assessment for the year 1916.

"Very Respectfully,
"A. J. Maxwell, Clerk."

UNDER THE RULE OF LOVE

THE BEST SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE BEAUTIFUL

The Beauty of Countenance, the Mental Activity and the Leaven of Love in the Heart Gives to the Teacher the Added Power of Control.

Out of the depths of the hills comes advice to school teachers, than which none better could be offered, at this moment, of their return to their classrooms—with a promise of reward to themselves that alone would be worth working for. It comes from a county superintendent of schools, who draws upon his own experience for the truth of his findings and backing for his plea. This latter is for rule by love. Obviously rod and strap are not popular with him. Under the rule of love he has found the discipline better and the progress of the pupils faster. Nerves and irritability are held a poor thing to bring into the school room, being extremely "catching."

The school room policy that operates upon a basis of kindly interest in the children is going to do more than any process of compulsion. Patience is not weakness; and it does not take the average child long to discover that impatience is not strength. While as for the expert judgment, "Irritability makes for poor discipline," says the Missouri county superintendent. So he pleads for love, for the children's sakes and to lighten the work for the teachers.

Herein is one of the rewards of the virtue, but another is held out as sure to accrue. It is beauty of countenance! No woman can remain plain, he is sure, who takes up school teaching in this spirit. The mental activity and the leaven of love in the heart work transformation that gives to the teacher the added power of reaching her pupils known to exist in true beauty. As for this "beauty of developed good nature," it is rated as far more potent than any mere prettiness that one may happen to have been born with, and that cuts small figure with the children, compared with the quality guaranteed to be more than skin deep.

So the teacher who loves her work and approaches her pupils with the spirit of helpful good will is promised an easier task in the school room and a surer chance of popular appeal outside. "It is a theory of mine that no woman teacher who loves her work is homely very long," says the county superintendent who seems to be made of the right stuff. His observation is certainly along the line of experience in life outside the school room. Happiness, even content based upon worthy ambition, puts a light into the eye, a hopeful curve about the mouth, and an aspect of serenity upon the countenance that go far to offset any defect of feature. When the bent of thought is intellectual, besides, the combination readily passes for beauty. The beautifier in the teachers' case is akin to mother love. What that does for the countenance the world knows. A corresponding spirit of unselfish helpfulness is a beautifier available to all womankind and mankind too.

A Card of Thanks.

I wish to express to my friends and neighbors my deepest appreciation of the kindnesses shown me during the illness and death of my husband.

Mrs. J. T. McDonald.

THE NEW STOCK BUILDING

A PEEP AT THE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

Fine Exhibits, Good Music, Wholesome Amusements and Record-Breaking Attendance Promised.

Great was our surprise on Saturday when we accompanied Secretary Eugene Crews to the Fair Grounds and found one of the nicest buildings for the exhibition of live stock we have seen in the South.

Ten days more will complete the magnificent structure which stands at the corner of the north east boundary. It must be seen to be appreciated.

The building is 95 feet long and 58 feet wide. There are 86 stalls arranged in four rows the length of the building, divided by two drive-ways and subdivided by a walkway in the center six feet wide. The work is being done by Mr. W. R. Kimball, and it is a good, substantial job.

The new building enhances the appearance of the grounds very much. It begins to look like a sure enough fair ground, the only thing lacking being a race course, and we understand that it is the intention of the Fair Association to procure the land for that purpose this fall if the attendance is all that it is thought it will be this year.

Having noticed Mr. S. W. Parkers' card in the last issue of the Public Ledger, declining the use of his grove adjacent to the Fair grounds as a hitching lot, we inquired of Secretary Crews if the withdrawal would in any wise hinder the progress of the Fair, and he stated most positively that it would not in the least inconvenience any one who desired to drive to the Fair. Mr. Crews did not say what arrangements he has made for vehicles and horses, but it is surmised that the hitching lot this year will be virtually the same heretofore excepting a small corner lot across the street from the main entrance, owned by Mr. Parker, in which he desires to protect the young trees.

There is but one short month in which to prepare for the great event. Secretary Crews has practically every detail well in hand. The music and attractions, he says, will be fine, and the only thing remaining to make the Fair a success is the exhibits, and this, he says, is promised in abundance.

BACK TO OLD GRANVILLE

By Common Consent Fair Week Becomes "Home Coming Week."

The Public Ledger's proposition to make Fair Week "Home Coming Week" was read with much interest by those having relatives in other parts of the world. One good lady told us that she wrote and mailed three letters last Sunday to relatives in Georgia and Texas to please come Fair Week and spend some time with them.

The Public Ledger was in hopes that there would be some formal action taken in this community to make Fair Week, "Home Coming Week," but so far as we are able to advise it is left with the relatives to invite their kindred to come, and when they arrive and walk up town they will be greeted by all good people as all good people are greeted.

On inviting the good people back to Granville the Public Ledger had more in mind than the deceitful handshake and smile. We wanted to register their names in a book and talk with them and keep alive in their hearts and minds the traditions of the county and the scenes of their earlier life. We want them to return and if possible remain with us all the time. We need more people, and the best people outside of Granville are those who have gone from among us. We want to look into their pleasant honest faces again. Some of them have made fortunes in more distant climes, but you never heard of such a thing as a fortune swelling the head of a successful Granvillian. We want as many of this class to be here "Home Coming Week" as possible, so that they can look into the faces of some of Oxford's knockers, though kindred they be, and wither them on the spot. Let everybody having loved ones elsewhere send out about five cards inviting them to be in Oxford during Fair Week. We want all who return to make the Public Ledger office their headquarters.

Gooch-Mayes

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gooch of Stem, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Miss Katie Lee, to Mr. Melvin S. Mayes, of Stem. The wedding to take place early in October.

Returns to New York

Miss Fannie Webb, the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, returned to New York City this Tuesday morning to resume her studies at The School of Fine and Applied Arts.

HURLED FROM AUTOMOBILE

Car Struck Sand Bank on National Highway.

Mr. Jones, a successful lumber dealer and business man of Durham, had a distressing accident on the National Highway Sunday last near the little hamlet of Providence, three miles south of Oxford.

Mr. Jones was proceeding to Oxford in a Dodge car, having on board three young ladies, a grandson and himself, when his car struck a sand bank at the rate of thirty miles an hour.

"It was all over in a jiffy," said Mr. Jones, "and we began with one accord to examine our limbs to see if they were broken."

Mayor Everett, of Providence, learning of the distressing accident, hastened to the rescue and tendered the distressed party every hospitality his town could afford, but it was deemed advisable to proceed to Oxford at once and his Honor did the handsome thing by lifting the party into his car and landing them a few minutes later at the Exchange Hotel. The trip to Oxford was conducted in such an orderly manner by Mayor Everett as not to attract undue attention and their arrival at the hotel resembled that of a well-to-do party of tourists embarking.

The ladies and the little grandson were not hurt in the least, but Mr. Jones sustained a bruised hand and hip. He was detained at the hotel by order of the attending physician and the remainder of the party returned to Durham on a later train.

THE BIG TENT MEETING

RAYMOND BROWNING AT TABB CREEK CHURCH

The First of a Series of Sermons by the Noted Evangelist Was Held Last Sunday.

The first of a series of sermons under the big tent at Tabb Creek Church was delivered Sunday morning followed by a sermon at night. The attendance was large on the opening day and the indications point to increased interest.

There is nothing of the sensational about the Rev. Raymond Browning. He is sound and safe.

Tabb Creek church is east of Oxford about three miles and large crowds are expected to attend from Oxford and Henderson.

THE KNOCKERS KNOCKING

Local Patriots Discuss Automobile Tax Funds.

Some of the local patriots in discussing the 80 per cent State automobile tax are disposed to take a very narrow view of things. Granville received \$854 and the law specifies that it must go to the road fund. That seems to be plain enough for the average man to comprehend, but the patriots step in and say that the money should be divided equally among the several townships of the county.

They are met with the argument that the funds should be spent upon the roads in the township where the funds originated, as for instance, one township pays license tax on forty automobiles, while another pays tax on only one or two, they contend that this should be pro rated.

There has been a great deal of unnecessary debate upon the matter. The County Commissioners are empowered to spend the money on the roads of the county, and that should be sufficient to satisfy an ordinary individual.

If it is right to pro rate the funds among the townships from whence it came, it would also be right to confine the activities of the automobiles to the same township.

The funds will be spent as stipulated by law, and it will be judiciously spent by our Board of County Commissioners. They are not supposed to be governed by township lines in the expenditure of the money.

Old Granville is none too large for our commissioners to take every part of it into their heart with one sweep of the eye.

THE HORN OF THE HUNTERS

Pretty Girls and Fine Horses in the Field and Forest.

The horn of the hunters was heard several mornings last week in the fields and forests east of Oxford, some five or six miles. In the wake of the fox there were more than a half hundred hounds, twenty of the best hunters of the county and a bevy of pretty girls with their cheeks aglow. Miss Nellie Wood, one of Granville's very pretty girls, and the Misses Hicks, of New York, rode to hounds. Each one of these ladies captured gray fox pendants.

The Chimes.

The First National Bank has installed a handsome clock over their door, which adds life to the street. The chimes have a deep significance, a description of which appears elsewhere in this paper.

THE FLAT RIVER BAPTISTS

LADIES HOLD IMPORTANT SESSION AT VIRGINIA

The Association Feelingly Presented a Beautiful Union Pin to Their Faithful and Beloved Superintendent, Mrs. John Webb.

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Flat River Association, met with Florence Avenue Baptist church, at Virginia, on September 9th and 10th.

The meeting opened at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Sallie Pittard, of Grassy Creek, conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. S. M. Torian cordially welcomed the guests, and Mrs. S. C. Lyon, of Creedmoor graciously responded.

Delegates were then enrolled and reports heard from District Leaders. Rev. T. B. Hill gave an inspiring talk on "Today's Opportunity in State and Home Missions."

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the Rev. M. C. Walton, pastor of the church, preached a strong missionary sermon to an appreciative audience.

Friday morning at 9:30 the delegates and visitors again assembled and were led in devotional exercises by Mrs. A. C. Frazier, of Knott's Grove. After the exercises, Mrs. W. D. Amis, in behalf of the missionary societies of our Association, very feelingly presented to our much beloved superintendent, Mrs. John Webb, a beautiful Union pin. While completely surprised, Mrs. Webb seemed very much touched at this token of love and appreciation from her co-workers.

A very enjoyable feature of the morning service was the program furnished by the well trained local Sunbeam band. This was followed by a most interesting talk on training the children in mission thought and giving by Miss Elizabeth Briggs, of Raleigh. She held her audience spell-bound, both little folks and big were delighted and impressed by her earnest appeal, first to the women, and then to the children themselves. Encouraging reports were heard from nearly every society in the Association.

Mrs. Webb chose as the subject for her address: "Our Association, Its Relation and Obligation to the W. M. U." It was very impressive, and listened to with profound interest.

Mrs. S. M. Torian, of Virginia, talked to us very earnestly about the Training School and its needs, and Mrs. J. D. Brooks, of Oxford, spoke on the importance of subscribing to, and reading our missionary magazines, and suggested practical plans by which they might be more widely circulated.

Friday afternoon, Mrs. S. H. Canady, of Oxford, conducted devotional exercises, after which a memorial service to Miss Heck was held. A number of ladies paid short but beautiful tributes to the memory of this noble woman. There were few dry eyes at the close of this service, and each one present seemed to feel that a little more responsibility rested upon her own shoulders now that this "precious one from us is gone."

Mrs. Street talked to us very interestingly of the "Influence of the Missionary Society in the Local Community."

The conference which concluded the program proved both interesting and helpful. This was a great meeting. May our present superintendent hold many more such.

At the suggestion of the nominating committee, composed of Miss Fannie Hester, Mrs. G. S. Watkins and Mrs. Gentry, the following Association officers were unanimously elected: Mrs. John Webb, superintendent; Mrs. Sallie Pittard, associate superintendent; Mrs. C. D. Ray, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Band Superintendent.

TOBACCO SALES ARE BIG

The Month of August Beat the Same Period for 1914 by More Than 6,000,000 Pounds.

The tobacco sales for 1915-1916 have started off well and the month of August for 1915 beat the same period for 1914 by more than 6,000,000 pounds, according to the announcement of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The buyers are highly pleased with the outlook. A few days ago several big northern buyers were in Raleigh, says the News and Observer, going back from eastern North Carolina and northern South Carolina markets. Among them was Clinton White Toms, often denominated "the greatest of the American Tobacco company finds," a school teacher who is now vice president of the Liggett and Myers branch of the great industry which was dissolved four years ago. Mr. Toms found tobacco on the greatest sort of a boom and he thinks it will remain so.

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