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THE DISTRICT MEETING

THE FLOWER OF THE LAND TO VISIT OXFORD.

One of the Prettiest and Most Lovable Women of the State Will Be the Guest of the Oxford Civic Club.

There is to be an important meeting in Oxford at an early date. The flower of the land is coming. Strong committees have been appointed to get things in readiness for their entertainment. There will be an attractive program with Mrs. Liggie as chief speaker, and Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Pratt, of Chapel Hill, will be present. All of the Civic Clubs in this district, composed of Weldon, Littleton, Louisburg, Milton, Henderson and possibly others, have been invited by the ladies of the Oxford Civic Club to meet in Oxford November 11th. On former occasions the Clubs of the district have handsomely entertained the Oxford Club, and the Public Ledger is satisfied that the Oxford ladies will reciprocate in manner that will reflect credit on Oxford. The visiting ladies will go out from us favorably impressed with the entertainment at the hands of the Oxford Civic Club. But we want to say to Mayor Stem, the business men, and everybody else in particular, that the visiting ladies have the largest and prettiest eyes you ever saw. Make no mistake, one of the prettiest and most influential ladies in the State will attend the meeting. It should be understood that this gathering of Civic workers in Oxford means much in the way of heralding our greatness. The Public Ledger is not fully advised, but we hope that the meetings and lectures will be open to all women interested in community betterment and in the various lines of civic endeavor. The Oxford Club women will give excellent entertainment to those who may elect to come, but there is an obligation resting on the people; namely, to have the streets and places of business in good order.

JERSEY AND SUFFRAGE

The Measure Defeated by Fifty Thousand Votes

If anything out of the ordinary had been needed to center the attention of the entire country on the outcome of the contest in New Jersey on Wednesday, the casting of the vote of Mr. Woodrow Wilson, citizen of New Jersey, in favor of the enfranchisement of women added the finishing touch. Undoubtedly it was a day eventful in the annals of woman's battle for (and against) her recognition as the political equal of man. Late returns show that the proposed amendment to the State constitution granting suffrage to women was defeated by a majority of more than 50,000.

A RUMOR EXPLODED

No Prospect of the Duponts Locating in This Section.

According to the papers both Durham and Henderson have had their rumor of the establishment of a big Dupont plant in their midst, but we notice that the Duponts, for various reasons, confine their operations to tidewater. However, we proposed to one of our citizens that we, too, make a bid for the plant if the Duponts really desire to come to dry land. There is the remotest prospect of the Dupont's erecting a munition plant either at Oxford, Durham or Henderson, but our old friend took it to heart. "What," said he, "turn Oxford into a 'Hopewell,' with its pickpockets, highwaymen, murders and outlaws? No sir, I am agin it." With this deliverance he walked down the street feeling that he had done a patriotic duty.

IT IS ALL WRONG

Shut Your Eyes And Go To Sleep.

We notice that several of the woman's clubs of the State have discussed the announcement of the engagement of President Wilson and Mrs. Galt and some of them were rather strong in their criticism of the President. It is all right for him to marry a second time, it was argued, but he should have waited a little longer out of respect for the memory of his first wife. It was also the opinion of some of the ladies that it might be seen later that it was not "the President's daughters' match."

Looking for Location Business men from other States, realizing that Oxford is a good business town, two merchants were here this week looking over properties with a view of opening up here.

Ladies' Orchestra—There will be a high class program of music at the Orpheum next Monday night.

RECOVERS JEWEL

Lost By Miss Carrie Woodworth Some Time Ago.

A month or more ago Miss Carrie Woodworth lost a handsome bracelet on the streets which she valued highly. The trinket was later seen on the wrist of a fortune teller, but she left town before she could be communicated with. Yesterday an old lady brought the jewel to the Public Ledger office and it was restored to Miss Woodworth. Now, if the Public Ledger could only recover the fine gold watch lost by President Hobgood some time ago we would be happy. Somebody has it, that's sure.

THE IMPERIAL PLANT BUSY

RUNNING NIGHT AND DAY AND COL. BALLOU IS HAPPY

More Than Four Hundred Idle People Have Been Given Employment—The Pay Roll is a Handsome One—Work Will Continue for Several Months.

"Boss man, can you jes gib me a little somethin' to keep soul and body together; please sir, my family is mighty poorly." That simple request has come to Col. Ballou's ears a thousand times within the past few months, and now that he can direct the worthy colored people to employment makes him the happiest man in Oxford. More than four hundred have found employment in the big Imperial plant, and it came none too soon, for there were hundreds of honest colored people in Oxford reduced to the last penny, their credit impaired and without visible means of support. We learn from Col. Ballou that the work will hold up for several months Tobacco is arriving from other points in such quantities as to keep a day and a night force busy. The pay roll is a handsome one and the merchants have already felt the power of the Imperial dollars. A trip through the big plant at this time is very interesting. It is the most orderly and systematic big things we ever saw. There are a number of fine young men under Col. Ballou who are destined to occupy high places in the world of tobacco. The W. A. Adams Company also has a large force of hands and a handsome payroll. We are very glad to again see the worthy colored people with a full dinner pail. It means so much to the community.

THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Gen. B. S. Royster Rides in a Government Car.

Capt. D. H. Winslow, engineer of the National Highway, was in Oxford Thursday with Highway Engineer Towles who is giving his attention to the Granville division. Capt. Winslow passed through Clarksville early Thursday morning and picked up Gen. B. S. Royster, who was over in Virginia on legal business, and brought him to Oxford in his car. Capt. Winslow says that a detail of government engineers have been put on the National Highway leading from San Diego, Cal., to Atlanta, Ga., to connect with the Washington-Atlanta Highway which passes through Granville county. An all-the-year round road is coming sure, says Capt. Winslow, and any one can make the trip from up north to California via the National Highway at any time of the year.

GENUINE BARGAINS

Men, Women and Children Flock to Horner Bros. Co.'s Store

We called around to the store of Horner Bros. Company yesterday and it looked like old times to see so many people trading—men, women and children. The attraction was the immense Green-Hunt Company stock which they are closing out. They have sold a large quantity of the goods, no doubt, but you can scarcely miss them for the reason that the greater portion of the stock was in cases when it was moved to the big store on Hillsboro street. When a farmer buys three pairs of pants at a time you may know that he is getting something that appeals to him, and this is what we saw a farmer do at Horner Bros. Company's store yesterday. Glance at the prices quoted in the adv. elsewhere in this paper.

DR. LUMPKIN RETURNS

Will Fill His Pulpit at the Oxford Baptist Church Sunday

Dr. G. T. Lumpkin, who for the past ten days conducted a most successful revival at the Henderson Baptist Church returned to Oxford Thursday and will fill his pulpit at the Oxford Baptist church both morning and evening next Sunday.

Urgent Call

All members of the Methodist Baraca Class are requested to be present next Sunday morning. Important business.

ONE BILLION DOLLARS

THAT AMOUNT TO BE EXPENDED IN FIVE YEARS ACCORDING TO FIGURES MADE PUBLIC BY DANIELS

To Be Applied to Construction of New Ships, Development of Air Craft and Creation of Munition Reserve—There is Also to be Recommended Addition to Navy Personnel of 11,500 Men so That All Vessels can be Manned and Adequate Reserve Maintained for Vessels on Reserve List.

Official estimates of the navy's part in the administration's billion dollar national defense program were made public Wednesday by Secretary Daniels. They show that within five years it is proposed to spend \$502,482,214 on construction of new ships development of air craft, and creation of a huge reserve of ammunition and guns.

The five year building program contemplates construction of ten dreadnaughts, six battle cruisers, ten scout cruisers, fifty destroyers, fifteen seagoing submarines, eighty-five coast defense submarines, four gunboats, one hospital ship, two ammunition ships, two fuel oilships and one repair ship. The last of these vessels will be in commission late in 1924. On naval aviation it is proposed to expend \$6,000,000 during the five years and on reserve munitions \$25,000,000.

With the addition of \$48,518,127 for completion of ships already authorized a total of more than half a billion dollars will be expended upon the navy in addition to the regular budget which approximates \$100,000,000 a year.

Big Increase for Personnel

Secretary Daniels will recommend this winter the addition to the naval personnel of 7,500 bluejackets, 2,500 apprentices and 1,500 marines, a total of 11,500 men.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION

Given in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Ray.

A charming reception marked by refined simplicity was tendered Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ray, the occasion being the home coming of Mr. Marsh Ray and his bride. The guests were received at the door by Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Shaw; in the hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton; and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hicks received in the parlor. In the receiving line were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marsh Ray, Dr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. H. F. Lee, Mrs. William Hariss, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lassiter. The bride is a young woman of refinement and charming personality, and is pretty. An elegant dining room salad course was served by Mrs. Lewellyn, Miss Annie Crews, Miss Mary Webb, and Mr. H. W. Parham, Miss Lucy Landis and Mr. Paul Venable. Punch was served in the reception hall by Miss Mary B. Williams and Mr. A. H. Taylor, Miss Nettie Gregory and Mr. Leonard Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Glasgow invited guests upstairs where many beautiful and handsome gifts were displayed. In this room were Miss Helen White and Mr. Eugene Crews and Miss Isabella Parham and Mr. James White.

GREAT ADVANCE IN COTTON

Prices Bound to Be Higher, Says Congressman Heflin, Who Looks for \$100 a Bale.

"I am expecting to see \$100 and more for a bale of cotton and \$60 or \$65 for a ton of seed," said Representative Thomas Heflin of Alabama in concluding an interview in Washington Friday. "Cotton prices are bound to be much higher than at any time since the War Between the States," said Mr. Heflin. "It will require more than 500,000 bales of cotton and lint for the manufacture of powder and high explosives shells for our Army and Navy. The cotton-holding movement will become general in the South before very long and then prices will soar. "I shall not be surprised to see cotton seed selling at \$60 a ton before Christmas. Cottonseed meal is selling as high as \$36 a ton and some are asking \$40. Cottonseed oil has advanced in price and is in great demand. Cottonseed hulls are being used more extensively than ever and the linters cut from the seed are being consumed more rapidly than ever before, when bleached linters sell for 10 cents a pound."

Bicycle Repairing

The Excelsior Bicycle Repairing Company has opened a first class repair shop in the old Booth Garage. Read their advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

CUPID CUTS CAPERS

The Happy Couple Are at Home Near Oxford.

The marriage last week of Mr. George Dorsey and Miss Mary Ellen Tarrington brings to light a bit of romance.

It is stated that the bride, who was a professional nurse at the Sarah Elizabeth Hospital, Durham, came to Oxford to attend the Fair and from here Mr. John Brown took the couple to Durham where they were happily united in marriage.

Miss Tharrington nursed Mr. Dorsey's mother during an illness some time ago, and it is said that the two have been lovers since that time.

PRISONERS AID SOCIETY

COURT HOUSE HAS BEEN ENGAGED FOR SERVICES SUNDAY

Rev. Sidney Love, Expert Criminologist, Who is Recognized as One of the Best Speakers in the South, Will Address the Assemblage.

The North Carolina Prisoners Aid Society, having as its president Dr. A. G. Springler, has engaged the auditorium of the court house for services next Sunday. The meeting will commence at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Sidney Love, the noted preacher, author and lecturer, will occupy the stand. He will lecture upon the following three subjects: "Compensation of Prisoners' Wives and Children," "Parole for a Certain Class of Prisoners," "A Law to Punish the Man Who is Guilty of Associating and Helping to Support a Fallen Woman." The lecture is for men only.

The North Carolina Prisoners Aid Society is incorporated. The directors are: Mrs. J. E. Stevick, Hon. James I. Johnson, J. B. Blades and C. E. Bowman. The public should be interested in the following clear statement of the Society:

"That every penny that a prisoner earns, above the cost of maintenance and cost to the State or county, which is incurred for official supervision, be paid to his wife and family or those that were dependent upon him previous to his arrest."

"That this Society will provide for prisoners' children, when found in destitute circumstances, until a law is passed providing for them."

ADEQUATE SHIPPING FACILITIES

What An Electric Road to Henderson Would Mean.

The Public Ledger has had much to say about a railroad to Roxboro and an electric road to Henderson. It is true that there are a lot of people that don't see anything in those things, but we do, and we propose to keep the question before the people. Our observation is that dairies and creameries always follow the traction wherever you find an interurban line that acts as a feeder you will find a lot of prosperous farmers along the entire length of it. These small farms abound in butter, eggs and truck of the best quality, and there is always a ready market at good prices. Where there are one hundred homes between Oxford and Henderson there would be five hundred. Land that now sells for \$100 an acre would find ready buyers at \$300 an acre. The interurban line would create the market. A man or a corporation that would lay out \$150,000 to equip an electric line to Henderson and expend \$50,000 for land along the route would have, in less than five years, a property worth half million dollars. There is nothing that builds up a country quite so fast as adequate shipping facilities.

The western part of Granville and the eastern portion of Person is an El Dorado waiting to be tapped. To strike it rich, the road should by all means pass through Enon, Berea and Caltolina. There you will find wealth, backed by the most progressive citizenship of this section of the State.

RECORD EXPORT TRADE

Total for the Week Was \$73,694,653 Imports Were Nearly Thirty Million.

A record export business is shown by foreign trade figures for the week ended October 16, made public Wednesday by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Exports for the week were \$73,694,653, as against \$67,744,921 the week before. Imports were \$29,782,055 giving a favorable trade balance of \$43,912,598 for the week.

The Best on the Road.

The best ladies' musical organization on the road will appear at the Orpheum Theatre next Monday evening. Their program is exceptionally well balanced.

A valuable letter from Dr. B. K. Hays, Health officer, unavoidably left over this week.

OLD ENON AND HESTER

THEIR CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT IN EVIDENCE

The Noble Sons and Daughters Out in That Section of the County Are Called, "Blessed."

Much favorable comment has been heard of the spirit of union in evidence at the Enon and Hester Community exhibits at the County Fair last week. In the past the occasions has been so rare, when matters of general interests in Granville were being considered, that the people did not split up into cliques and take sides, that the practical demonstration set by these two communities is most pleasing. No progressive step has been taken by old Granville, which the Public Ledger believes will be more far reaching and beneficial than the examples set by the excellent community exhibits at the County Fair last week.

The biggest accomplishment in Granville is the development of co-operation among the residents of the rural districts, and blessed old Enon and Hester have set the example. The encouragement of working together is beautiful in the extreme. The younger generation who live out where where neighbors are few and far between is becoming possessed of much of that attitude toward life which was once called the urban spirit. The members of the canning clubs, the corn clubs, the pig clubs, the poultry clubs, have fraternized and have learned the social arts and many of the graces, and out of it all has come a greater pride in home and surroundings and there is being evolved a better condition of living. We believe it is a great work and will be more productive of good than all the other efforts at education which have been undertaken.

Oxford would do well to catch the step and the spirit of cooperation. Let there be more of this getting-together for the welfare of all and not so much of the petty selfishness of the past.

BRINGING LIQUOR TO OXFORD

Railroad Authorities Will Be Notified.

Chief Wheeler has discovered that some of the breakmen on the Southern Railway are quietly bringing more liquor to Oxford than the law permits. The Chief on two occasions has seen the bulk of the liquor, but no one would acknowledge the ownership.

Chief Wheeler proposes to take the matter up with the proper railroad officials, and when he does, we guarantee that the practice will stop. Mr. Ambrosia Curtis, who sometimes travels over this division in the guise of a tramp and at other times in the guise of a gentleman, will have no trouble in landing the guilty party.

TOBACCO GROWERS PLEASED

Five Surl Farmers Rake in Nice Piece of Money

The following parties from Surl, Person county, sold at the Minor Warehouse this week: Thomas Frazier, J. R. Welch, E. T. Chandler, Jack West, Geo. Oakley, Loney Blalock, J. H. Chandler, Henry Welch, M. L. Frazier. Five wagon loads, which weighed 5,055 pounds, brought several hundred dollars. The big hearted and popular Erwin Mangum had the pleasure of pleasing the whole crowd.

A Young Hostess

The home of Mrs. Sam Watkins was a scene of pleasure last Saturday afternoon, when little Miss Katharine was "at home" on her sixth birthday to a number of her little friends. At 4:30 o'clock the little guests began to arrive. They were met at the door by Master Jack Cannady and John Ray Watkins. They were then ushered into the parlor where many games and contests were enjoyed and then into the dining room where delicious ice cream and cake were served. The decorations were lovely, color scheme of pink and white was beautifully carried out. Those present were: Doris Watkins, Virginia and Laurita Howard, Ernestine Parham, Charlotte and "Tiny" Easton, Elizabeth and Katharine Hunt, Elizabeth Hall, Sarah Hall, Mary Taylor, Francis Council, Carry Watkins, Elizabeth Cupp and Elizabeth Lumpkin.

About 6:30 the guests began to leave, each voting "little Miss Katharine" a charming little hostess.

The Pierian Literary Society held its weekly meeting on Friday, Oct. 15. The subject of the evening was a debate. The query was: Resolved: That Wilson did more for his country than Washington. Affirmative: Irene Pierson, Emmie Medford.

Negative: Jessie White, Annie Lee. The judges were Miss Carrie Fuller Mrs. Booth and Nina Cooper. They decided in favor of the affirmative. W.