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## REPORTS OF CLUB WORK

### MINUTES OF THE RECIPROCAL MEETING

Held in Lyon Memorial Building, Oxford, Thursday, November 11th—A Prosperous Year's Work.

(Reported for the Public Ledger by Miss Mary B. Williams)

The Seventh Reciprocity District of the North Carolina Federation of the Women's Clubs convened in Oxford November 11th, in the Lyon Memorial Building. The president of the Oxford Club, Mrs. A. H. Powell, presiding. The invocation was made by Dr. A. P. Tyler, pastor of the Methodist Church, followed by a piano selection by Miss A. E. Wortham.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. C. Emmett Brown, to which Mrs. J. T. Alderman, from Henderson responded with words of appreciation. Mrs. W. B. Waddill, State chairman Reciprocity, Henderson, gave a very interesting talk on Reciprocity—its meaning, help and the results of what these meetings may bring about. A very strong point she made was that the "Clubs of twenty-five years ago were organized for culture, but as club women have grown in their understanding of life, they enlarged their definition of culture, until now it sees the abolition of all social injustices and improve the conditions in all the walks of life."

**Reports of the Clubs**  
Mrs. Rose reported the Tuesday Club of Henderson, 20 members enrolled. This Club has a committee on Literature, Music, Art, Home Economics and Religion. Has donated money to various causes.

The Alma Club, of Henderson, reported by Mrs. Corbett gave 19 members. This is entirely a social club devoting their time to the study of Art, Music, Literature, Germany will be the study for the coming year.

The Woman's Club of Henderson being a departmental club has done a wonderful work this year. The public spirit was shown in the eight beautiful floats they had during the Chautauque. Trees have been put out by these ladies to beautify the town, and much has been done to add to the grounds around the graded school. They work in co-operation with the other organizations of the town.

The Book Club of Weldon was not represented but sent a report which was read by Mrs. Waddill of Henderson. They report 17 members and have for their study this winter Norway, Sweden, Spain and Holland. \$25 was spent for books this year for the Club. The Book Club of Milton regretted their inability to send delegates, the distance being too long and the way too rough. There are 14 members. Their work is purely social and literary. The members carried out the Shakespearean program of the last Year Book. There are many interesting papers read before the club, they will add to their course of study. The plays of Richard the 3rd, Romeo and Juliet.

The Milton Betterment Association reported 20 members—all interested in the improvement of the school conditions. They have added very much to the necessary furnishings of the school, in the way of a piano, maps, tables and other things. Efforts are being made to secure a library. Interest is taken in the "North Carolina Moonlight School Movement."

Louisburg Civic Club has been only organized six months, but has a membership of 64 active workers. The club is social and literary. The aim of this club is to make the town beautiful and a better place in which to live.

The Oxford Civic Club reported 90 members—being a departmental club, they are interested in the work of Health, Forestry, Music, Home Economics, Cemetery, Library and Social Service. This club did special work in the inspection and cleaning last spring. The Forestry Committee held a "Garden Mart" in the spring which was an inspiration to the town in the growth of flowers. There were many special arrangements to beautify the approach to the cemetery. In Oct. they held a very successful Chrysanthemum Show, which is an annual affair, is very helpful to the town as well as to the treasury of the Club. The Health Department is especially interested in Tuberculosis, and has in its heart a plan to present to the Federation for the erection of a child's pavilion at Montrose.

This Club has donated one hundred dollars for this special work, and is active in the sale of the Red Cross Seals. Probably the most successful work it has attempted is the public library, it was started and maintained by this Club, which has over 2,000 volumes on its shelves of good sound valuable literature. A story telling league was conducted the past summer, and was enjoyed by the children of the town. The Music department has been active; the most attractive feature of their work being a piano recital by John Powell, of Richmond.

**Organization of Country Life Clubs**  
Miss Mary Shotwell followed the reports of the clubs in a most interesting talk upon her experience in organizing the Country Life Clubs. She has given valuable service to this Community work, having organized five clubs in Granville County already, with two more in course of organization. Mrs. Armstead Capehart has given valuable aid in this work also. The clubs have been recently visited by Miss Jamison of the A. & M. College, who has given them many helpful demonstrations. Miss Shotwell said the aim of the Community Clubs was to interest the boys and girls to want to stay at home. The question arose "Have we a right to invite if men are in our Clubs?" Mrs. Lincle responded to this by saying that men were entirely eligible, but men were not allowed to pay dues, as they would not be allowed to vote.

**Tuberculosis**  
Mrs. C. Emmett Brown substitute chairman of the State Health Department, read an article on Tuberculosis, this being the special subject assigned her by the chairman, Mrs. Guimery. Mrs. Brown reported that the paper read would be the basis of the work at

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## FIGUREING IN COURT RECORDS

### The Public Ledger Frequently Imperturbed Not to Print Names

A few days ago Special Officer Hutchins, Granville's young and wide awake detective got his hand hurt in a scuffle with a drunken man. The offender being a white man, the Public Ledger was besieged not to say anything about the matter. A personal friend of the Public Ledger made the request and out of respect for his feelings we consented not to publish the facts. We trust that no one else will make a similar request and leave it with us to hear the testimony and decide as to whether or not the interest of the community would be served best by publishing or suppressing the facts.

When people figure in the court records the public should know it, and it is the duty of the newspaper to publish the facts without fear or favor. No self-respecting newspaper prints police news and chronicles the happenings of the underworld because of preference for that class of "news," but because publicity is one of the most potent factors in retarding crime. Many a base fellow, who sails under false colors, would "go all the gaits," if it were not for the realization that "he might get his name in the paper," and the people of his community learn thereby of his real character. No newspaper much prefers to print pleasant things—those items which have good flavor and leave a good taste. The idea that the newspaper eagerly awaits the opportunity to "hit somebody in the face" with unsavory publicity is erroneous, and does the newspapers of the country injustice.

There is another source of news in which the Public Ledger is hampered. There are a great many young people in Oxford, graceful dancers they are, who from time to time request us not to use their names in connection with the ball room. In deference to their feelings we have declined some very nice write-ups. But really, if it is wrong to put their names in the paper it is wrong to dance.

## ONE VERY SIMPLE RULE

### THE TRAFFIC LAW IS EASY OF COMPREHENSION

It Should Not Require Superior Intelligence to Make Its Observance a Reality.

We must keep "singing" the same old tune until everybody in Granville comply with the laws of the highways—"Keep to the Right."

In spite of all the agitation here and elsewhere, it is no uncommon thing to see a vehicle driving on the left side of the street or highways of the county, turning corner, to the left and utterly disregarding the fact that the other fellow has absolute unquestioned right of way.

A great many people have come to respect and observe the traffic laws; a number have been observing the law since childhood—it was instilled into them by thoughtful parents—but still there remain a sufficient number of those who haven't yet realized that they're imposing upon the rights of others when they monopolize the left side, to make traffic somewhat dangerous and the liability of accident imminent. This is a very simple rule. It should not require superior intelligence to make its observance a reality.

We have watched with some concern the carelessness in which a majority of vehicles round the corner at the monument at the head of Main street. Not one out of ten observe the rule to turn to the right. We believe that all that is needed is the announced determination of the authorities to enforce the law. It should be rigidly enforced and examples should be made of those who persist in jeopardizing the interests of others by disregarding their rights to a specific half of the road.

Some time ago we followed an automobile down through the county on the National Highway and the driver blew his horn at every road crossing, turnouts and bridge. It made no difference whether any one was in sight or not—he blew his horn. He was from Maryland and he told us that everybody in his State observed the road law to the letter. And it should be observed in Granville with good wide margin.

## AT PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

Gen. and Mrs. Royster Registered at Hotel St. Francis

We note that General and Mrs. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, were among the arrivals at the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco, two weeks ago. They are probably now well on their way to Oxford and they are expected home on Friday or Saturday.

## TOBACCO SALES

### A GOOD STIFF MARKET FOR ALL GRADES

The Surrounding Counties Have Got 'an Eye on the Oxford Tobacco Market—Prices Continue to Advance.

We are very glad indeed to be able to state that tobacco is selling better, in fact the sales this and last week have been the most satisfactory of the season. We believe the prices have stiffened up on all grades and you can feel assured that when you sell in Oxford you are getting the best to be had.

All of the warehouses report sales as more satisfactory and the farmers with whom we have talked confirm this opinion. It was not at all uncommon to see wrappers knocked off at fifty dollars, with cutters bringing good prices. It gives us pleasure to make this statement for the farmers were very much down in the mouth at the former prices.

## GRANVILLE COUNTY COURT

HON. OLIVER H. ALLEN, OF KINSTON PRESIDING

November Term of Granville County Superior Court Convened Monday Morning—Solicitor Gattis, Prosecuting.

With Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, presiding, and Solicitor Sam Gattis, of Hillsboro, appearing for the State, the November term of Granville county Superior Court convened Monday morning at ten o'clock for a two week's term.

A heavy docket full of small and unimportant cases face the Court for clearance.

Following the impanelling of the Grand Jury, with Mr. Virginius T. Cheatham as foreman, a list of grand jurors being given below, and the charge of Judge Allen, the court took up the docket.

Judge Cam Hunt, clerk of the court, had everything in readiness for the Judge and the Solicitor, and with Sheriff Hobgood and Conrad Waiters present and with John W. Hester assisting the clerk, everything will move like clock work.

**The Grand Jury**  
V. T. Cheatham, foreman; W. T. Evans, W. A. Slaughter, J. F. Duncan, L. M. Carrington, E. L. Smith, W. T. Walker, Thomas Tingen, W. E. Estes, W. R. Williams, E. G. Conner, H. H. Hicks, R. B. Cash, E. T. Allen, J. T. Mangum, William Moss, O. C. Tingen.

Judge Allen's last term at court here was conclusive evidence as to what a guilty man might expect when he comes before him for sentence. He is merciful where mercy is due, yet at the same time the old offenders who are past the reformatory age must look out or they will be pleased upon the roads. We wish we had more judges of like nature and the law would be more highly regarded by the law breakers.

## WILD GAME IN GRANVILLE

Rev. S. K. Phillips Bags Fine Wild Turkey.

MESSRS. Leon Hines, Sam Averett and Rev. S. K. Phillips while a-field in quest of game last Friday flushed a gang of wild turkeys in the woods near Lewis station. In the flight the turkeys became scattered, but the hunters still pursued them singly. In the chase Mr. Phillips spied a large fat gobbler in a tree some distance away—some say 300 yards—but Mr. Phillips thinks it must have been about one hundred yards—and he let 'er go. He says that when he saw the turkey tumble from the limb it rather frightened him for the moment.

## COMMERCIALIZING PASSION

Critics Say "Birth of a Nation" is Inexcusable.

Quite a number of Oxford people went over to Raleigh Saturday night to see "The Birth of a Nation," which is now being presented in picture form throughout the country. The picture is being severely criticized by press and people everywhere.

This film, which serves no good purpose, tends only to fan into flame the racial passions that the better South is trying to forget. This will set back for years efforts being made to solve properly the negro question.

One can hardly believe that with the condemnation this masterpiece of vice has received from every self-respecting critic in the entire land, the authorities would not permit its appearance if they knew the full implication of the action. Of course people will flock to see it. And the managers of picture shows will coin money, but the newspapers claim that it plays on ignorance and on an instinct that surely has no place among people who believe in correct and honest living.

## THE WRONG NUMBER

### People Confide In The Public Ledger Frequently

The Public Ledger enjoys an unique position in the community. We are pleased to serve to the best of our ability, but frequently telephone calls come in demanding information and things that we cannot supply.

One day's transaction with the phone this week is sufficient to show how much the general public rely upon the Public Ledger for the desired information. Our office is on the same square with the Seaboard station and of course we are supposed to know the movements of all trains and to read all the innermost thoughts of Agent Osborn.

Ting-a-ling, sounds the bell and we hasten to the phone to hear the voice of an excited man somewhere up town. He talks fast and quick:

"Please look out and see if the Seaboard train has gone. What time does the next train leave and please advise if I can change at Dickerson for Durham? What in the world is the matter with the trains nowadays. We used to get some mail at night, but things are fearfully tangled now some way or other and we don't get our mail until late next morning. Is it the fault of Uncle Sam or the Seaboard?"

We could tell from the manner in which the gentleman punctuated his remarks that he was not a minister of the gospel.

Again the bell rang and it is evident that a lady was at the phone:

"Hello! Hello!! Hello!!! Will you please send me a half dozen white buttons for my shirt waist. I just want six to complete the job. I must have them at once as I will not be at home after dinner. Do you understand; good-bye."

She didn't give us time to explain, but we trust that she later got in communication with the merchant and received the buttons.

The third call was from a hungry individual with a voracious appetite:

"I will have company for supper and I don't know what in the world to do. Please send me one pound—"

"What's that?"

"You have the wrong number, madam."

"Bless goodness," came the response.

## W. H. GOOCH TAKES HIS LIFE

### THE DEAD MAN REPUTED TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

The Wealthy Capitalist of Clarksville was Recently Married to Miss Radcliffe, of Lexington, N. C.

(Lexington Special, Nov. 14)

News reached here late today that Wayne Holman Gooch, a wealthy capitalist of Clarksville, Va., had shot himself to death on an observation car of the G. H. and S. A. railway near Weimar, Tex., at 7:10 this morning.

According to the report received here the shooting was in the presence of his wife, a bride of less than six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gooch were on their bridal tour and were returning to Lexington after a visit to the exposition at San Francisco.

Mr. Gooch was about 50 years old and was married here about 6 weeks ago to Miss Margaret Radcliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Radcliffe, Mrs. Gooch is a member of one of the most prominent families of Lexington and the tragedy has cast a gloom over the town. The dead man was reputed to be a millionaire.

## TOBACCO WILT CONTROL

Scientific Men at Work in Granville to Stamp it Out.

A number of meetings were recently held in Granville County for the purpose of arousing interest in the control of tobacco wilt. Professor H. R. Fulton, of the Experiment Station, spoke on "The Nature of the Disease and Principles of Control"; Mr. E. G. Moss, of the Granville County Farm, spoke on "Suitable Rotations for Eradicating the Disease and Dr. J. A. Morris County Demonstration Agent, presented the live stock side of the rotation, his subject being "The Importance of Live Stock as a Means of Utilizing the Crops in Such a Rotation."

## FINE CABBAGE PLANTS

More Than Two Million Fine Specimens at the Oxford Orphanage

It is worth a trip to the Oxford Orphan Asylum to see the large bed of cabbage plants. The patch covers more than two acres, if we make no mistake, and Superintendent Brown says there are more than two million plants in it. It is refreshing to the eye to look upon the green field of vigorous plants, embracing the Frost Proof, Early Jersey, Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, Succession and All-Season varieties. We dare say that there are enough plants to supply everybody in the county.

## OXFORD TO LOSE GOOD MAN

### A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL AND A LOYAL CITIZEN

Our Humble Protest—He Knows Not Where He Will Go, But The Lord Will Guide the Faithful Servant.

Once in a long while it has been our good fortune and pleasure to meet a man with a soul, whose touch leads to nobler and better things. Such a man lived and worked in this community for the past four years—four short years they were when we think of him. The good works that he inaugurated among us is not finished. Be it right or wrong, the Methodist Conference will in December next take our good friend away from this community and station him—we don't know where. We are not a Methodist, and therefore rebel at his going, but we have implicit confidence in the wisdom of the Bishop who will designate the field of labor.

It is sad to think that Dr. A. P. Tyler will preach only two more sermons in Oxford before leaving for the Conference which convenes in Wilmington on December 1st. On his return to Oxford he will probably preach only one sermon while everything is being made ready for his departure to another field of labor.

We wish that we had in our heart the grace of a Methodist to intrust the exchange of the ministers to the Lord, but in this particular instance the Methodist and all good people in Oxford would like to see the rule suspended.

We have never listened to a more logical preacher than is Dr. Tyler, but we prefer to speak of him as a loyal citizen. He comes as near being a friend to every man, rich and poor, as any one we have ever seen. He has been foremost in all movements that pointed to better things in our community. It was he who worked for the establishment of the law and order league. The orphans have a tender spot in his big heart and he went about doing much good that the public knew nothing of. We shall miss the faithful old servant of the Lord. But he stands high in the councils of the Church—in fact he is a big part of the Conference. He will doubtless be sent to a larger field of labor.

## CREEDMOOR COUPLE WED

Miss Lillian Roycroft Becomes the Bride of Mr. John C. Currin

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Roycroft at Creedmoor, was the scene of a wedding Thursday morning, November 11th, at 8 o'clock, when their daughter Lillian Clyde was married to Mr. John Clary Currin.

The home was decorated in palms, ferns and cut flowers, the color scheme being green and white. The bride was gowned in a going away suit of taupe, hat gloves and shoes to match, wearing a lovely bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Eugene Ustry, the bride's pastor, the ring ceremony being used.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. H. T. Roycroft of the firm of the Farmers Warehouse of Durham. Mr. Currin is one of Creedmoor's most prominent young men.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Currin left for an extended trip north.

## Tuesday, November 23rd

Dr. N. Rosenstein, the Optometrist of Durham, will make his regular fourth Tuesday call at Oxford stopping at the Exchange Hotel, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Don't fail to see Dr. Rosenstein if you have really been unable to secure perfect eyeglass comfort. He designs each pair of glasses for each individual case. Call and inspect his new Shur-on Mountings and Krytok lenses, without incurring any obligation. Don't forget, Tuesday, November 23rd. adv.

## Free Aluminum Ware

The finest cooking range at the right price and aluminum ware free is the announcement of the Oxford Hardware Company on the fifth page of this paper.

## Big Bargain Sale

Cohn & Son big cash bargain sale still continues at their two big Main street stores. See ad on sixth page.

## Important Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Association will meet at the court house at 12 o'clock sharp on the first Monday in December. All interested are requested to be present.

WESLEY KNOTT, Pres.

## TAX PAYERS

Take notice that you get a discount of 1 per cent if you pay your taxes in November. There is no discount in December and on all not paid by January 1st, 1916 2 per cent penalty will be added. Nov. 15, 1915.

R. B. HINES, Tax Collector.

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