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THE TOBACCO MARKET

WAREHOUSES WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS WEEK

There is a Good Demand for All Grades—The Price Continues to Improve.

Mr. J. M. Farrish, president of the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade, authorizes the Public Ledger to state that the Oxford market will close down for the holidays on Tuesday, December 21, and reopen for business on Monday, January 3, 1916.

The market has been quite brisk for the past ten days and the probability is that December will be the banner month of the season. The general average on all grades still continue to advance.

SCHOLARSHIP ROLL OF HONOR

Those Who Win Out at the Oxford Graded School

First Grade
Roy Breedlove, Ellie Currin, Virginia Howard, Francis Council, Dorender Freeman, Elizabeth Medford, Katherine Montague, Ruby Peak, Nellie Upchurch, Carrie Watkins, Elizabeth White.

Second Grade
Hilman Allen, Mittie Lee Blackwell, Freelan Bragg, Frank Green, Alice Hunt, E. K. Howard, Mary Norman Mitchell, Harry Moore, Tabitha Patterson, Ruth Poythree, Sam Parham, Claude Parham, Lillian Rountree, Elizabeth Sneed, Doris Watkins.

Third Grade, A
Lucy Taylor Baird, Sallie Baker, Lizzie Blackwell, Mary Bland, Joe Breedlove, Charlotte Easton, Myrtle Fargis, Virginia Hart, Louise Jeffreys, Elizabeth Lumpkin, Willie Millis, Helen Moore, Bruce Walters.

Third Grade, B
Julia Hobgood, Bennie Watkins, John Ray Watkins, Ed Hulse.

Fourth Grade, A
Elizabeth Bragg, Eugenia Currin, Alice Hall, Vannie Jones, Martha Lumpkins, Winston Taylor, Ruth Upchurch, Jack Usry, Annie Lou Williams, John Williams, Nathan Wolfe, Madison Usry, Thomas Royster, Thomas Cannady.

Fourth Grade, B
Leroy Adcock.

Fifth Grade
Jefferson Brooks, R. M. Currin, Lillian Fuller, Pattie May Green, Frank Leavister, Harvey Magee, Inez Patterson, Edwin Shaw, Dora Wolte.

Sixth Grade
Charles Easton, Hugh Easton, Effie Lee, Heathie Linder, Bernice Usry, Sarah Woolfe.

Seventh Grade
Thelma Hester, Ruth Howard, Idie Keer Taylor, Elizabeth Howard.

Eighth Grade
Agnes Cannady, Studie Crews, Zela Newton, Louise Curria, Finest Hurt.

Ninth Grade
Treva Garman, James Ballou, Joe Taylor, George Hunt, Robert Parham, Marion Sneed, William Webb.

Tenth Grade
Helen Clement, Elizabeth Floyd, Lucile Hunt, Ida Walters, Joseph Bryan.

A PIN AND A WATCH

Both of These Articles Are Unlawfully Held.

Some woman, black or white, is walking around with a fine inlaid pin that don't belong to her. The pin was lost near the Greek candy kitchen corner Hillsboro and College streets, a few weeks ago. There is a reward of \$5.00 for the pin if returned to the Public Ledger office. The pin does not represent much to the woman who has it, but it represents a whole lot to the rightful owner. Five dollars and a clear conscience is worth more to the finder than is the pin. The Public Ledger will never be quite satisfied until this pin is restored to its rightful owner, and it is the same as regards the fine gold watch lost by President Hobgood in the streets of Oxford two months ago. The law is very explicit as to the finding of articles and those who secrete them are regarded as crooks.

DEATH RATE TOO HEAVY

Dr. Hays to Visit the Cities of the State

Dr. Benj. K. Hays will spend the greater part of next week in a trip across the State inspecting the sanitary conditions of the larger towns. Dr. Hays is convinced that the annual death record in Oxford is from twenty to thirty in excess of what it should be and it is his purpose to do all in his power to put a stop to this unnecessary sacrifice of human life. Text books on Preventative Medicine tell us what should be done, and the records of the Health Departments of larger cities tell us what they do, but Dr. Hays believes that the best way to handle the situation in Oxford is for us to adopt the preventative measures which have been found to work successfully in other North Carolina towns.

PROPERTY VALUES

A Slight Increase Will be Noted in the Near Future.

We have been requested to give our views as to whether realty will increase or diminish in Oxford and Granville county within the next few years.

We figure that the conditions are such as to greatly increase property values in Oxford and Granville county within the next five years. It is a well known fact that the Northern industries are piling up wealth, especially the munition plants and those having army contracts abroad. The accumulated wealth of the North must necessarily seek investment elsewhere as soon as peace abroad is declared. If the people of Oxford and Granville county show a disposition to turn the stream of wealth towards our borders there is reasonable hopes of doubling property values in the near future. The Norfolk and Western railroad is knocking at our door and there are hundreds of enterprises to be secured by hearty co-operation. Granville is admirably situated, and when you help one part of the county you advance the interests of every man in the county. Should Oxford become a manufacturing city with a population of 50,000 people every man in the county would share in the general prosperity. If the streets of Oxford were paved, the property of every man in the county would be enhanced accordingly.

Co-operation, of course, will have much to do with our future prosperity. We never saw this more forcibly illustrated than did Col. H. G. Cooper a few nights ago at an entertainment. You can always depend upon the Colonel to see the milk in the coconut. Holding the Baltimore Sun in his hand and flourishing the paper, he remarked: "By co-operation and system I am able to purchase the news from all parts of the world for one or two cents, which otherwise would cost several million dollars."

IN HONOR OF BRIDE

Elegant Reception Given by Miss Edna White.

Miss Edna White entertained with a beautiful party at her home on Main street Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Tom Howell one of the season's most charming brides. Miss Hixie White welcomed the guests on entering and Miss Helen White introduced to the receiving line, in which stood, Miss Edna White, Mrs. Tom Howell, regaled in her wedding dress of satin with pearl trimmings, Mrs. E. T. White, Mrs. W. I. Howell, Miss Evelyn Howell and Mrs. Scoot Hunt, of Richmond, Misses May White and Annie Crews showed the guests into the dining room where Mrs. Kate White received and Misses Sallie Webb, Mary Fisher Hunt, Edith Howell and Elizabeth Gibson served cream, cake and mints. Misses Mary B. Williams and Isabelle Parham showed the guests to the "Bride's Book" which was in charge of Mrs. Harris and Helen Howell where every guest registered. Mesdames James Horner, and S. K. Phillips invited the guests into the coffee room, where Mrs. Oscar Breedlove and Misses Mary Webb, Edna Tyler and Sarah Parham served delicious hot coffee.

The decorations throughout the house of fern and cut flowers, were beautiful.

The dining room was especially attractive with handsome yellow chrysanthemums, ferns and candles. The table being covered with an elegant chunly lace cover.

About 150 guests called.

Judge Devin Comming
The Public Ledger in a previous issue stated that Judge Devin would spend last Sunday with his mother in Oxford, but we learn that he was detained in the Eastern part of the State. We are advised that he will reach Oxford this Saturday morning and remain over until Monday.

"The Store of Quality"

Elsewhere in the Public Ledger today will be found the announcement of the Perkinson-Green Co. They have decided to close out Coat Suits, Long Coats, Millinery, etc., at a price that will interest you. See the announcement on page 5 of this paper.

TAXES FOR YEAR 1915

A SLIGHT GAIN OVER PREVIOUS YEAR.

There Are 326,791 Taxable Acres of Land in Granville, 90.48 per Cent. of Which is Owned by White People and 9.52 per Cent. by Negroes.

The total tax of Granville county for 1915 is \$133,070.75, representing a gain over the previous year of \$9,259.26. The totals follow:

State	
1915	\$18,485.97
1914	17,124.59
Gain	\$ 1,361.38
School	
1915	\$31,691.61
1914	29,554.11
Gain	\$ 2,137.50
County	
1915	\$18,622.49
1914	17,198.10
Gain	\$ 1,424.39
Roads	
1915	\$31,786.20
1914	29,321.99
Gain	\$ 2,464.21
Railroads	
1915	\$ 1,811.58
1914	1,676.25
Gain	\$ 135.33
Special School	
1915	\$10,672.92
1914	8,936.47
Gain	\$ 1,736.45

Acreeage of Townships
According to the tax sheets just completed and revised, there are 326,791 acres of taxable land in Granville. Of this the white people own 295,696 acres—90.45 per cent of the whole, while the negroes own 31,129—9.52 per cent. The number of acres in each township of the county follows:

Fishing Creek	
Acres	31,814
White	24,035
Negroes	7,181
Brassfield	
Acres	45,602
White	43,262
Negroes	2,340
Dutchville	
Acres	40,934
White	39,613
Negroes	1,321
Tally Ho	
Acres	44,912
Whites	41,572
Negroes	3,339
Walnut Grove	
Acres	40,538
White	37,218
Negroes	3,320
Oak Hill	
Acres	41,492
Whites	37,241
Negroes	4,251
Sassafras Fork	
Acres	46,350
White	43,130
Negroes	3,220
Salem	
Acres	19,053
White	16,824
Negroes	2,216
Oxford	
Acres	16,096
White	12,758
Negroes	3,338

Episcopal Bazaar
The ladies of the Episcopal church are holding a Bazaar in the Armory Hall. Dinner and supper will be served this Friday. Choice menu, oysters, turkey, chicken salad, ice cream, cakes and other delicacies. Attractive collection of fancy work and other articles suitable for Xmas gifts.

Recent Sales at the Minor
T. Perry: 15, 23 1-2, 47 1-2, 30, 10 1-4.
W. B. Adcock: 15, 25, 46 1-2, 31, 15.
L. M. Smith: 12 1-2, 18, 45, 23 1-2, 12. One barn, \$104.25.
L. M. Smith: 15, 23, 47 1-2, 25, 9 3-4. One barn, \$144.25.
R. L. Goss: 15, 25, 45, 50, 24 1-2, 23 1-2, 15. One barn, \$100.36.
John Grissom: 7 1-2, 13, 21, 47 1/2, 31, 12. One barn \$174.49.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Rev. R. H. Coman Will Conduct Services at Presbyterian Church

Rev. R. H. Coman, a noted divine, will preach a series of sermons at the Oxford Presbyterian church, beginning next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The revival will continue for two or three weeks.

Many people who heard Mr. Coman at the tent meeting at Tabbs Creek church last summer testify to his ability to present the unsearchable riches of the Scriptures. He is numbered among the foremost Bible scholars of the entire country. If the weather is good it is barely possible that there will be an overflow meeting before the revival ends. All denominations should hear the noted divine.

A CLOSE CALL

Two Little Children Crawl Under a Train.

We saw something the other day that is well calculated to make a man's hair turn white over night. While the crew was making up a train in the Seaboard yards, a pretty little girl and boy approached the track on Gilliam street. Finding the street momentarily blocked with freight cars, they got down on their hands and knees and crawled across the track.

The little children seemed not to realize how close to death's door they were. The engine was coupled to the string of cars and ready to move at a moments' notice.

It does seem that parents would take their children upon their knees and warn them of the many dangers that lay in their pathway.

THE OLD SOLDIERS

Five Thousand Dollars to be Distributed in Granville.

We learn through Judge Cam Hunt, Clerk of the Court, that he anticipates with pleasure the arrival of the pension money for the old soldiers between the 10th and the 15th of December. There are about 100 old soldiers to share in the amount ranging between four and five thousand dollars. The lowest amount drawn by either one on the list is \$36.60 and the highest is about \$60.00.

"It will give me a great deal of pleasure to issue this money," said Judge Hunt, "and it is my desire to get it into the old soldiers' hands before Christmas Eve."

A SUBURBAN STORE

Mr. W. W. Alston Moves to Raleigh Road.

Mr. W. W. Alston is moving the contents of his Main street grocery store to the Broughton store on Raleigh Road, about one mile from the Court House. Mr. Compton Bobbitt, who has long been in the employ of Mr. Alston, will continue with him in the capacity of clerk.

The Main street store room made vacant by Mr. Alston will be occupied by Mr. R. S. Montague, who brings his stock of groceries over from Hillsboro street.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Messrs. S. M. Parker and J. D. Brooks Join the Joy Riders

The fact that Messrs. S. M. Parker and J. D. Brooks have each purchased a handsome touring car argues that conditions are at least normal in old Granville. They purchased through Mr. Creshaw the latest Buick model.

Home Telephone and Telegraph Co.

An amendment was filed Tuesday for the charter of the Home Telephone & Telegraph Co., of Henderson by which the capital is increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. F. C. Toepleman, who holds 290 shares of stock is named as agent in charge and general manager. The Southern Bell Telephone Company is specified in the amendment as owning 5,083 shares of stock, the next largest stockholder is J. P. Taylor with 1,622 shares. There are a large number of shareholders who signed the amendment.

The Public Ledger was pleased to have our old friend Mr. W. D. Kimball, of Providence, call on us Thursday. He has been quite unwell for sometime.

AN ENVIABLE RECORD

SHERIFF CRAWFORD S. HOBGOOD IS ON THE JOB

Granville County Has the Smallest Insolvent Tax List in the State—Less than One Per Cent on a Total Collection of \$103,730.61.

Sheriff Hobgood has received a reply from the State Treasurer in reply to his inquiry about the time that he is required to make a settlement with the State for the taxes on the 1915 books. The inquiry was made in view of the fact that the last legislature in Section 101 of the Machinery Act, enacted a requirement that all sheriffs settle with the county commissioners for amounts due the state on taxes of the previous year on the second Monday in January. The section reads:

"The sheriff or other accounting officer shall, on or before the second Monday in January of each year, settle his tax account with the commissioners of his county, and pay the amount for which the said sheriff or collector is liable to the treasurer or the state in such manner and at such place as he shall direct on or before the third Monday of said month."

It has been customary for the sheriff to make this settlement at the first meeting of the commissioners in May, but Mr. Lacy states that there is no reason why the county commissioners of every county in the state should not have settlement on the second Monday in January as required by law. Continuing, Mr. Lacy says: "I shall expect all sheriffs and collectors to use all diligence in forwarding to me promptly all taxes collected for the state. The settlement between the sheriff and the county commissioners should be made on the second Monday in January."

Sheriff Hobgood made this investigation that he might be in position to perform his duty with as much regard for the convenience of the taxpayers as possible, but he has been instructed that the state will expect its portion under the 1915 Machinery Act some weeks earlier than has heretofore been required.

In discussing the matter this morning, Sheriff Hobgood stated that he wants to do all he can for the taxpayers, but from the statement of Mr. Lacy that he will be expected to make settlement on the second Monday in January, instead of May, he will not be able to do much this year. He solicits the co-operation of the people that Granville may maintain its splendid record of prompt settlement.

In this connection it will be interesting to note that Sheriff Hobgood has probably the best record of any former sheriff of the county for promptness and thoroughness. His insolvent list is eighty-three (83.100) one hundred per cent, including deaths, removals and insolvent. We note in our exchanges that the other counties of the State have an insolvent list ranging from 1 to 3 per cent. It is gratifying to note that Sheriff Hobgood was able to come through a bad year with an insolvent list of less than one per cent on a total of \$103,730.61. The following is the insolvent list of each township in the county:

Fishing Creek	\$122.25
Brassfield	185.95
Dutchville	135.16
Tally Ho	105.05
Walnut Grove	61.25
Oak Hill	60.40
Sassafras Fork	41.86
Salem	49.45
Oxford	100.12
Total	\$861.49

The Old Guard

Mr. J. M. Phipps, of Route 1, enjoys the distinction of having been a subscriber to every paper published in Oxford. He subscribed to the first number of the Public Ledger and has never missed an issue.

Mr. J. N. Tilley, of Stem, a clever gentleman, also enjoys a like distinction, he having always read the Public Ledger. Mr. Tilley says he would not be without the county paper.

Death of Child

Willie B. Knott, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Knott, died Sunday after a brief illness of diphtheria. The interment was at Enon church Monday afternoon.

The Red Front

The Kaplon Company's entire stock of goods is offered the general public at greatly reduced prices. The sale starts this Saturday morning. The Western Sale and Salvage Company is holding the sale. See the Kaplon ad on the 3rd page of this paper.

TAX BOOKS OPENED

The tax books are opened for collection now. There will be no ground this year and all Taxes not settled at office will go out for collection after Christmas. Please make settlement promptly.

Yours very truly,
S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

THE PUBLIC LEDGER WILL GIVE AWAY TEN DOLLARS IN CASH

THIS IS NOT A CONTEST, BUT A GIFT PURE AND SIMPLE

Beginning with this issue of the Public Ledger and continuing until noon on Monday, January 31, 1916, we will place in a box the names of everybody who pays \$1.00 on the subscription list of the Public Ledger. This will include the names of those who pay subscriptions already due, new subscribers and those who pay in advance—the names of all such subscribers will be written on a card and deposited into a tight box. At noon sharp on Monday, January 31st, 1916, the side of the box will be removed and a blindfolded boy will pick up one of the cards and the name of the party on that card will receive a present of ten dollars from the Public Ledger. This is not a contest, but a gift, pure and simple. Many will want to pay what is due and many will want to subscribe, and this serves to remind them that they stand a chance of getting ten dollars as a present.

We have no preference as to who gets the ten dollars, therefore, we will on January 31, 1916, ask three disinterested citizens to select a boy and come to the Public Ledger office, blindfold the boy, shake the box vigorously and open it. This detail will be carried out to the letter and some one is going to receive ten dollars on the day and date named.

Mr. David B. Moss, of Route 2, is the only authorized agent of the Public Ledger and we commend him to all good people. He is generally found on the warehouse floors and he will give you a receipt for all money paid to him in the name of the Public Ledger. Or should you prefer, come to the Public Ledger office. We are glad to see you at all times.