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FLOURISHING COUNTRYSIDE

A FLYING TRIP THROUGH TALLY HO.

Many Pretty Homes Are Noted in the Old Aristocratic Section of the County.

A visit at this time to your old home community in Granville will convince you that the rural sections of the county are progressing even more rapidly than the towns. Better homes, better buildings, more paint, large schools, good roads, more pride and faith in country life.

The writer recently drove out the National Highway to Stem and circled back through the Tally Ho community. The homes of Titus Curran, Dee Curran, Walter Averett, Carl Piper and numbers of others along the National Highway are evidences of what farm life is bringing about.

In the Tally Ho community C. H. Washington, P. L. Thomasson and J. M. Minor have recently remodeled their old homes into country mansions—neither one on a farm of more than 80 acres. Many are repairing their outbuildings and painting their homes.

When we see the changes of the past ten years, we wonder what another ten will bring about.

Stem, only a few years ago was but a cross roads railway station with two stores, and a one-room school house. It now is a town with five large mercantile firms, a bank, telephone exchange, garage, mill, a large high school, lodges for the Masonic, Woodmen and Farmers' Union Fraternities. All of these entirely dependent on farming. A network of improved roads leading into the big highway. Smaller farms will mean a more rapid development.

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING

Miss Mary Elizabeth White the Bride of Mr. R. L. Brame

On Thursday evening, December 2nd, at nine o'clock, a beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. White, on College street, Oxford, when their daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth, became the bride of Mr. Robert L. Brame.

The lower floor was artistically decorated in ferns, potted plants and huge white chrysanthemums. The stairway from which the bride entered was trimmed in running cedar over white and on each step was a lighted candle—all this giving a most pleasing effect.

Just before the bridal party entered little Misses Bertha and Inez White drew up the ribbons making an aisle for the bridal party.

Lohengrin's wedding march as professional and Mendelssohn's as recessional was played by Mrs. John Booth, sister of the bride as maid of honor; just preceding the bride came the two little flower girls, Elizabeth White, niece of the bride and Janie Earl Brame, niece of the groom, scattering chrysanthemum petals before the bride. Then entered the bride leaning on the arm of her father who was met at the improvised altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. J. T. Timberlake of Greenville, a cousin of the groom, acted as best man. The ring ceremony was beautifully and impressively performed by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, pastor of both bride and groom, while "Intermezzo" from Cavalier Rusticana was softly rendered on the piano.

After the bride and groom received hearty congratulations they donned their traveling suits and left by automobile for Henderson where they took the train for a short trip.

POPULAR OLD FRIENDS

Francis Ford and Grace Cunnard Will Return.

The patrons of the Orpheum Theatre will be delighted to know that Harris & Crews have arranged to present Frances Ford and Grace Cunnard in the "Broken Coin." The two stage celebrities, it will be remembered, made a hit in Oxford in the roll of "Lucille Love." The "Broken Coin" serial is one of the most interesting pictures before the public. It will be seen at the Orpheum Theatre at an early date.

A strong picture, the "Plunderer," will be presented at the Orpheum Thursday night. This is one of William Fox's best efforts.

Saving Money

Hundreds of people have saved many dollars by buying of the Green-Hunt stock of merchandise. From the crowds that flock to Horner Bros. Co., to buy the goods it would seem that the people of the surrounding country know a good thing when they see it. To appreciate the bargains shared by the public it must be remembered that Horner Bros. Company bought the stock for fifty cents on the dollar. The stock cost \$25,000 originally and it is not depleted by a long shot. In an advertisement on the third page of this paper it will be seen that Horner Bros. Company quote attractive prices.

Some Pretty Hats

Finding it necessary to replenish her stock of millinery for the mid-winter season, Mrs. T. Lanier some ten days ago made a trip to the northern markets and bought liberally of the season's styles. She returned from her trip Saturday and the pretty models are now on display.

THE PRESIDENTS' WEDDING

The Ceremony Will Be Performed Saturday, December 18th.

President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will be married on Saturday, December 18th, at Mrs. Galt's home in Washington, according to a formal announcement given out at the White House.

It was also announced that the only guests will be Mrs. Galt's mother her brothers and sisters, the President's brother and sister, his daughters and the members of his immediate household. No invitations will be issued.

No announcement was made regarding plans for a honeymoon, but it was expected the President and his bride will leave Washington immediately after the ceremony for some point in the South. Although no announcement was made of the hour of the ceremony, it was understood it will be late in the afternoon. The Rev. Sylvester Beach, the President's pastor in Princeton, and the Rev. Herbert Smith, rector of Mrs. Galt's church in Washington, are expected to officiate.

The formal announcement of the wedding plans was written out by the President himself. Both have agreed that all the details shall be as simple as possible. It has been intimated to diplomats who have made inquiry at the White House that no display in connection with the wedding is desired.

Joseph R. Wilson, of Baltimore, the President's brother, Mrs. Anne Howe, his sister, and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, the President's daughter, will be guests at the White House when they arrive there for the wedding.

OUT IN THE GOLDEN WEST

GEN. ROYSTER WILL SPEAK OF CONDITIONS AS HE FOUND THEM.

In the Assembly Hall of the Granville Commercial Club At An Early Date.

A treat is in store for the members of the Granville Commercial Club. The occasion will be a heart-to-heart talk by Gen. B. S. Royster on the impressions gained while on his recent trip through the Golden West. He has consented to address the Club at an early date.

Doubtless General Royster absorbed much valuable information during his months' stay in the West, covering as he did nearly ten thousand miles of country noted for its splendors, sunshine, ice and snow. He cannot hope to crowd it all into a 40 minute discussion, therefore his condensation will be all the more glowing.

We consulted President A. H. Powell as to the possibility of the general public hearing General Royster on this occasion and he stated that the full membership of the Club would nearly fill the assembly hall. He asserted, however, that the Club would take care of a limited number of friends from the county.

DRABSTIC MEASURES

The Methodist Ministers Put Themselves on Record.

The temperance committee of the Methodist Conference held in Wilmington last week reported recommendations to petition the General Assembly of 1917 to prohibit the use of whiskey in clubs, to prevent the hauling of liquor by the common carriers, to stop the manufacture and sale of wines in the State, and to limit the amount a person is allowed to have on hand to a half gallon. The committee endorsed nation-wide prohibition.

A GOOD DAYS' WORK

Mr. Ben W. Parham on the Job.

One of the very best days' work for Oxford and Granville county that has been accomplished in a long time was pulled off last week by Mr. Ben W. Parham, secretary of the Granville Commercial Club.

Mr. Parham wrote to Mr. S. V. Richards, industrial agent of the Southern Railway, and asked him if he would distribute five hundred copies of the small folder gotten out by the Granville Commercial Club.

In reply Mr. Richards assures Mr. Parham that it will give him much pleasure to distribute the literature and at all times speak a good word for Oxford and Granville county.

The Public Ledger has "harp'd" on this very thing for the past four years. It is mighty hard to make the average man see that it pays to advertise. The little folder sent out by the Commercial Club will accomplish much, but it is by no means large enough. We should have a neat one-hundred page booklet profusely illustrated and setting forth the many advantages enjoyed in Granville. The expense of printing such a book should be shared by the business men of Oxford.

THE REVIVAL SERVICES

ATTRACTING WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY

Rev. D. H. Coman, the Evangelist, Presents the Scripture Truths With Remarkable Force.

The revival services now in progress at the Presbyterian church is attracting widespread interest in the community. The congregation at each service is large and attentive.

Rev. D. H. Coman, the evangelist, is seemingly at his best, and the vast audiences that go out to hear him are in a state of mind and heart to absorb every word that falls from his lips.

His sermons to say the least, are beautiful and sublime. In his presentation of the Scripture truths he brings joy to the hearts that are perhaps often sad and despondent. From start to finish he holds the most profound attention. Those who fail to attend these services miss a beautiful opportunity.

In just nine more days Mr. Coman will be gone. Would that the people of Oxford might realize the opportunity before them! He speaks each afternoon at 3:15 and each night at 7:30. He requests that those who attend the afternoon service bring their bibles with them. Don't be one of the crowd that always waits too late to get the best part of the big things. Go to the Presbyterian church every day and get your share.

Question Box

A question box has been established at the church door and those who wish any special information about any passage in the Bible are requested to write the passage and deposit the slip in the box. Mr. Coman will do his best at interpreting the true meaning of the passage.

Out of Town People

A large number of people from the surrounding country have expressed a desire to attend the revival at the evening hour. The proprietors of the warehouses have extended an invitation to all farmers to make use of their hitching places during the revival.

WAYNE GOOCH'S ESTATE

ESTIMATED AT THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

Among His Papers Were Found An Unsigned Will Which He Had Not Executed.

The following reaches the public through a news letter sent out from Boydton, Va.:

"There was a contest here as to who should be the appointed administrator of W. H. Gooch who died in Texas on his wedding trip, he having died intestate. Motion was made in behalf of his young widow, Mrs. M. C. Gooch, who was present, for letters of administration, before H. F. Hutcheson, clerk. The motion was contested by attorneys for Mrs. Annie Wayne Suhor, of Richmond, the only child of W. H. Gooch.

On account of Mrs. Gooch's youth and experience, and chiefly on the ground that Mrs. Gooch in her marriage contracted with Mr. Gooch, had relinquished all her property rights in his estate. A counter motion was made in behalf of Mrs. Suhor that her uncle, J. H. Gooch, of North Carolina be allowed to qualify.

"After hearing the argument of counsel on each side, Mr. Hutcheson appointed J. H. Gooch administrator, whereupon an appeal was noted to the Circuit Court of Mecklenburg by the attorneys for Mrs. Gooch.

"The entire estate is valued at \$325,000, the real estate being valued \$125,000, and the personal at \$200,000.

"In the marriage contract referred to, Mr. Gooch agreed to place in the hands of the Old Dominion Trust Co., of Richmond, the sum of \$50,000, the income of which Mrs. Gooch was to receive during her life, or so long as Gooch lived. Prior to his death Mr. Gooch had made no provision for this undertaking.

Among his papers was found an unsigned will, which he had not executed, as he had expressed a purpose to make minor changes therein.

"Mrs. Gooch was represented by C. T. Baskerville, of this place; E. F. Buford, of Lawrenceville, and S. E. Williams, of Lexington, N. C., and Mrs. Suhor was represented by Goode & Goode of Boydton.

THE 1916 CONFERENCE

The Methodists Will Go to Durham Next Year.

The eightieth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet in Memorial church in Durham next year. This was the decision of the Conference held in Wilmington last week.

Box Party—There will be a box party at Corinth church, Route 2, this Saturday night, to which the public is cordially invited.

A WALKING, TALKING BANK

A Leather Pouch Fastened About His Waist.

Wonders never cease! The Public Ledger last week witnessed a scene right here in Oxford that compared favorably with the stormy days of California Gold Fever and the excitement at Leadville.

In relating the incident, which took place last week, we would use names, but such would be dangerous for the man who habitually carries a roll of money in a belt fastened around his body.

The transaction involved \$163.00 and interest for some months. The man came to Oxford to settle in full and while the interest was being computed, the man unbuttoned his thick heavy shirt and brought to view a leather belt, in which there were four rolls of bills in the denominations of \$5's, \$10's and \$20's.

The belt was about the size of a bicycle tire and about fifty inches long. When the transaction was closed the man folded his belt neatly and stepped aside and placed it around his waist beneath his shirt.

So far as we could see the man had no firearm with which to defend himself. A ten-year-old boy could have held him up on the highway and demanded his life or his money.

We studied the man's features and fancy we could see depicted thereon the signs of constant worry. Simple fool, we wondered how much happier he would be if it was possible to make him understand how much safer are the banks and their methods of doing business.

AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

MR. GOOCH CHEATHAM BADLY SHAKEN UP.

Car Plunges Down Embankment in Oak Hill Township Breaking His Leg.

Speeding toward the Virginia State line last Saturday morning at ten o'clock the car in which were seated Messrs. Gooch Cheatham, Henry Greenway and two colored people, plunged headlong down an embankment and turned turtle, breaking the leg of Mr. Gooch Cheatham and bruising the other occupants, but not seriously, it is said.

Dr. Drewery, of Oak Hill Township hastened to the rescue and put 116 stitches in Mr. Cheatham's mangled leg. He was later brought to Oxford and was further treated by Drs. Watkins and Thomas.

The party was en route from their homes near Rehoboth church to Virginia. It is stated that the car at the time of the accident was not exceeding twenty miles an hour. The accident is attributed to the fact that the steering gear failed to respond at the critical moment.

Late reports state that Mr. Cheatham is resting very well at his home near the Granville-Vance line.

Caltonia Community

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Mr. Henry Denny, a progressive merchant of this community is building a new addition to his store room.

Miss Wiloree Calton gave a tacky party last Friday night in honor of her guests, Miss Beam and Miss Woody. About twenty-five young people enjoyed this occasion. Mr. L. B. McFarland and Miss Bertha Knott were awarded the prizes.

Mr. Willie Knott's new residence is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Miss Laura Edwards who attended the Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh last week has returned and taken up her work at Meadow Brook School House.

Mr. Herman Early, who is a member of the Boy's Corn Club raised 67 bushels of fine corn on one acre.

Mr. Frank Wilkerson returned home from City Point, Va., Tuesday to visit his home people for a few days.

Fine Christmas Gifts

By reference to the announcement of Landis & Easton on the fourth page of this paper it will be seen that every man, woman, boy and girl can get the right kind of Christmas presents at Granville's Biggest, Business and Best Store. Fine presents they are, but not expensive.

Toys and Christmas Gifts

Street's 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store is the mecca of old and young. German and Japanese toys capture the hearts of the little people, and there are many Christmas gifts for the older ones.

Country Life Club

The Country Life Club of Cornwall school have planned to have a party on Friday night, December 17th. There will be a good program and everybody must come and have right royal good time.

THE OXFORD MERCHANTS

GOOD BUSINESS IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY

Stock of Christmas Goods This Season Considered as Large as in Many Years.

The old familiar "shop early" cry has no terror for the merchants of Oxford. They expect to have a rush from this time on to Christmas and they are prepared to meet it.

Most Oxford merchants have laid in this year's stock which they consider among the very best they have ever had. They have spent a considerable sum to give local people the best the market affords, and believe the particular buyer can find what he wants right here in Oxford without going to neighboring cities to purchase Christmas presents. It will pay prospective Christmas shoppers to keep in close touch with the advertising columns of this paper.

A thriving business from now to Christmas is sure to be the lot of our merchants. Money is more plentiful, and collections are said by authorities on the subject to be very much better than heretofore. Advanced sales of holiday goods have been at least normal, says those who know, and dealers are anticipating the biggest holiday trade in years.

Nearly \$1,000,000 has been checked out to farmers in this trading territory during the past three months for tobacco, and then, too, there is the good fat deposits saved up for the Christmas season, which will find its way back into the pockets of those who have been adding to the nest egg each week during the year.

There is no mistaking the fact that the Christmas spirit is abroad in the very air, and it will continue to increase as the holiday season draws near. Business has revived to such an extent that you will hear very little about the war. With a good brisk spell of trading the wheels of industry will become so thoroughly oiled that it will make little difference if the armies of Europe continue to fight for a season.

Methodist Philathea Class

The M. E. Philathea class held its regular business meeting, Thursday afternoon, December the second, in the class room. There were thirty-five members present, also two visitors from other churches. The officers of both Baptist and Presbyterian classes were especially invited to this meeting. We had with us our State president, Mrs. W. H. McCoy of Breard N. C., who gave us a very interesting and inspiring talk on Philathea work. At the close of the business session, Miss Hettie Lyon in a very graceful manner, and with a few well-chosen words which she expressed the thoughts and feelings of the entire class, presented, in the name of the class, to our much loved friend and co-worker, Mrs. A. P. Tyler a beautiful set of silver spoons, with the Philathea emblem engraved on the handle of each. Mrs. Tyler will soon leave us to take up her duties in another field. The best wishes of the entire class go with Dr. and Mrs. Tyler to their new home. The class has had the heartiest co-operation from them during their stay here. They will be greatly missed by us all. After all business was attended to, a social hour was enjoyed. The officers of the class being hostesses.

THE CHURCH FESTIVAL

The Ladies of St. Stephens Were Greatly Rewarded

The good ladies of St. Stephen's Episcopal church netted \$300.00 at their festival last week. They express themselves as being grateful to the good people of the community for rewarding their efforts.

Cohn & Sons' Christmas Sale

Started last week and they were crowded every day, busy as bees selling thousands of dollars worth of goods. This proves that the people of Oxford and vicinity realize that when Cohn & Son advertise a sale it means money in their pockets. If they attend the sale. This week Cohn & Son's intend to eclipse all past selling records by giving bargains in value that must be of real interest to all men and women who have any care to save money in buying their goods. The unusual bargains they offer are up-to-date and most wanted goods, the very things you need for Christmas and real winter. You surely cannot read Cohn & Son's adv. without realizing the advantage of profiting by these rare low prices. Don't let the opportunity pass—the important thing is to be there this week and get your share of the Xmas bargains. Read the ad on last page of this paper.

LADY WITH TWO CHILDREN DESIRES nice comfortable furnished room and board in private family. Near business section preferred. Address "A", Public Ledger 8-2t

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.