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AN OLD SAGE TALKS

TO ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN EVERYWHERE

Laying the Foundation for a Long and Prosperous Life—Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

To all school children, first day of Spring Term, 1916:

Good morning young ladies and gentlemen, I am glad to see you at school again. I hope you spent a happy Christmas, for if you did, I am sure a good part of your time was spent trying to make somebody else happy, for in after life when we come to think of the past "Its the things we've done for others that gives us the most pleasure." But what I wanted to do was to ask you a question or two, about what you did in school during the Fall term? Did you really get what was coming to you, or did you, like the boys in a scramble for apples thrown in the crowd, let some active boy get two or three, while you came out with next to nothing. I tell you, fellows, the opportunities are there, rounded, finished, and paid for, if you will only take hold. They remind me of the story of a Granville county lawyer who went to a city to see his girl. He was drinking a little, and she discarded him, of course, so he went to the hotel, ate supper got drunk and staid in his room three days, without going to his meals, but finally he sobered up and went to settle his bill, putting on the counter 50 cents a day for his room and 50 cents for his supper the night he got there, the clerk informed him that his bill was \$2.00 per day, that his meals were there for him, and if he did not come and eat them it was his own fault. The lawyer went back to his room and in a few minutes returned and placed a bill on the desk as follows:

The Benhow Hotel to John Doe, Dr. To professional advice.....\$50.00 Cr. by 3 days board at \$2 per day..... 6.00

Balance due me.....\$44.00

But said the hotel man, I did not get any advice from you. True, said the lawyer, but that was not any fault of mine, for I had it ready for you, if you had only come after it.

The opportunities are yours, boys and girls, if you will only go after them. You must learn reading and writing and arithmetic. If you will do this you can keep on finishing your education, as long as you live.

I am not a newspaper agent, but let me ask, do you read the Public Ledger? Do you read your church paper? Do you read the Progressive Farmer? Do you read some big city newspaper to find out what is going on in the world? Do you read the Bible—occasionally, do you read anything? Have you a good dictionary so that you can look up words and inform yourself? Have you a Crown Encyclopedia; it is cheap and valuable, Christian Herald? Have you a school library worth your notice? It costs too much money now to go to college. Let's get busy and begin our own education. Your friend,
A. A. HICKS.

CHRISTMAS GAITIES

Young People Enjoy the Stately Dance

There was a very enjoyable dance given by the young men in the Amory Tuesday evening from 10 to 3. The hall was decorated with evergreens, Punch and sandwiches were served during the evening. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. John Booth, Mrs. and Mrs. T. N. Burwell, Mrs. Clifton Robard and Miss Jeanette Biggs. Those dancing were: Miss Lucy Landis and Wilbur Smith, Miss Marie Burwell and Outlaw Hunt, Miss Margaret Capehart and Dr. Uis, Miss Ethel Hancock and Jim Taylor, Miss Sonhnia Cooper and Tom Peace, Miss Alliene Hicks and William Pace, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, Jr., Miss Mary Shaw and H. F. Lee, Miss Esther Mitchell and Elliotte Cooper, Miss Josephine Brown and Hampden Hill, Miss Mary B. Williams and B. W. Parham, Miss Helen Royster and James White, Miss Boswell, of Norfolk, and A. H. Taylor, Misses Sallie Webb, Elizabeth Hancock, Marsh Ray Roy Royster and John Graham Webb, Mrs. William Harris, of Wilmington; Mrs. Arthur Landis and H. Topleman, Mr. and Mrs. Milchamp, Miss Estelle White and Shepard Booth, Dave and James Cooper, Perry Rose, Bennett Perry, Perry Reaves Manning of Henderson. Miss Estelle White served a three course luncheon to several of her friends after the dance.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN DEAD

One of Granville's Noblest Sons Falls to Sleep.

Mr. Z. W. Allen, a highly esteemed citizen of Granville county, died at the Wheeler Hotel, Oxford, Christmas night after an illness covering several months, in the 70th year of his age.

The deceased was twice elected Commissioner of Granville county and was serving his second term when the end came.

Mr. Allen was for many years superintendent of the county home for the aged and infirm. He was a devout member of Providence Baptist church and was always found on the right side of all good causes.

Mr. Allen was never married. Three brothers, Messrs. Joe, James and Rufus Allen, of the county survive.

The services, conducted by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, were held Monday and the interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

The county officials were the pallbearers.

Mrs. W. H. Hunt Entertains

The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunt on Main street was the scene of a beautiful social function New Year's evening from 8:30 to 11:30, when Mrs. Hunt entertained fifty young people at bridge in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Landis, who is at home until the return of Ensign Landis, U. S. N., from abroad.

The entire lower floor was thrown together for the occasion. The bright Christmas decorations, the many candles, the alluring music, handsome gowns and beaming faces, all combined to produce a scene of true Christmas cheer and beauty.

The score cards were handpainted cherubs standing on the world, blowing trumpets, entitled 1916.

The prizes, handsome silk hose, were won by Miss Helen Royster and Mr. Lee. On the arrival of the guests punch was served in the dining room by Misses Lucy Landis and Marie Burwell, Messrs. Wilber Smith and Outlaw Hunt. At the conclusion of the game elegant refreshments were served in two courses.

The out of town guests were: Mrs. Dickerson, Miss Dickerson and Mrs. Farrington, of New York; Mrs. Briggs of Paris, France; Miss Sterns of Staly Lient, and Mrs. Henry Cooper, Jr., New York; Messrs. Bennett Perry and Perry Rose of Henderson, Richard and William Gregory of Stovall.

Floyd-York Wedding

Sunday afternoon, December 26th, Mr. Melville D. York and Miss Bessie Floyd, of Wilton, motored over to Oxford, the home of the bride's uncle Mr. J. P. Floyd, and there, were quietly married by Rev. R. H. Willis, pastor of the Methodist church. The bride wore a tailored suit of dark brown gabardine with fur trimmings, with hat, gloves and shoes to match. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. York left for the home of the groom, near Creedmoor, where they will reside. The bride is the daughter of Mr. C. N. Floyd, of Wilton, and possessed of many splendid traits of character. The groom is the son of Mr. E. T. York, of Granville county, and is a prosperous young farmer. Both young people are very popular, and well-known in Oxford and elsewhere, where they have many friends who wish them much happiness along life's journey together.

Brown-McDaniel

Miss Annie L. Brown, of Oxford, and Mr. E. L. McDaniel, of Enfield, were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother on High street on Christmas day. The house was artistically decorated with the season's flowers. Miss Effie Davis, of Littleton, played Mendelssohn's wedding march. After a bridal tour north the happy couple will reside in Petersburg.

LINER SENT TO BOTTOM

Two Tar Heels on the Boat Hit by Under Water Craft Off Island Crete.

(London Special, Jan. 2)
The British liner Persia with 60 passengers and crew of from 250 to 330 was sunk by an unidentified submarine off the Island of Crete, in the eastern Mediterranean. Messages received from various sources say that nearly all on board were lost. Robert McNeely, of Monroe, N. C., American consul at Aden, and C. D. McNeely, of Waxhaw, N. C., his brother, and Robert Grant, of Boston, were on the liner.

It is feared by government officials that McNeely was killed.

Stockholders Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Bank of Oxford will be held in the office of the Bank Tuesday, January 11th, 1916 at 11 o'clock A. M.

E. H. CRENSHAW, Pres.

GIVEN IN MARRIAGE

TWO YOUNG MEN RECEIVE CHARMING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Mrs. Dorothea Coggeshall Niles the Bride of Mr. Ben K. Lassiter—Miss Ethel Clement the Bride of Mr. Elvyn Parham.

Niles-Lassiter

Wednesday morning, December 29, at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, in the presence of a few relatives and close friends, Mrs. Dorothea Coggeshall Niles, became the bride of Benjamin Kittrell Lassiter, Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield performing the ceremony. For this occasion the stately colonial home had been made more attractive with the beautiful and simple arrangement of palms, ferns and cut flowers. The bride and groom entered the spacious library unattended and stood beneath a bower of flowers and smilax, where the impressive marriage ceremony took place.

After the ceremony the guests were invited into the dining room where an elegant breakfast was served. The bride, a rich type of brunette beauty, was gowned in traveling suit of dark blue and wore a corsage bouquet of violets and orchids. She is the only daughter of Mrs. G. A. Coggeshall and having lived in Oxford since her childhood, is greatly beloved and admired.

The groom is a son of R. W. Lassiter and holds the chairmanship of the Granville County Democratic Executive Committee and also that of the County School Board. He is a lawyer and widely known throughout the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter left on the northbound train for an extended wedding trip.

Those from a distance attending the marriage were: R. W. Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Simmons, of Washington, D. C., Bennett Perry and J. B. Owen, of Henderson; Mrs. Willis G. Peace, U. S. A., Old Point, Va.; and Brent Drane of Raleigh. Other friends and relatives attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilliam Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell, Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Mrs. J. M. Curran, Miss Susan Graham, Hampden Hill, and Miss Mary Curran Owen, Oxford.

Parham-Clement

One of the most beautiful, yet simple weddings witnessed in our town for years, was the nuptial of Miss Ethel Clement, and Mr. Elvyn Parham, Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock.

The church was lovely with its tasteful decorations of green and white. The altar was a scene of beauty, and typical of Christmas, with its running cedar, ferns and lighted candles. Mrs. Hicks presided at the organ and rendered a number of appropriate selections before the march.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march. The groom with his best man, Mr. S. H. Hobgood, of Henderson, came from the pastor's study, and awaited his bride at the altar. Then the ushers, Messrs. Mark Landis, F. F. Lyon, Jesse Clement and Wilbur Smith, followed by the Dame of honor, Mrs. Tilman Mannin, sister of the bride and of Salisbury; Miss Lela Bailey, of Hagerstown, Md., maid of honor, preceded the little flower girl, Enaleigh Hobgood of Henderson. Then came the lovely bride, leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Lee Clement, who gave her away. Rev. S. K. Phillips used the sweet and impressive ring ceremony to make them one, after which the bridal party received friends at the manse, before taking cars for Henderson, where the bride and groom caught a night train going north.

The dame of honor wore a gown of white georgette crepe with lace and satin, and carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas. The maid of honor was gowned in pink georgette crepe and charmeuse and carried pink and white roses. The little flower girl was dressed in white with a pink wreath in her hair and carried a lovely pink basket of flowers. The bride's gown was Duchess satin trimmed in Princess lace and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, all of the gowns were exquisite in their simplicity and graceful lines, and all were en traine.

The bride is one of the sweetest, most popular and beautiful girls of old Granville, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Clement.

The groom is one of Oxford's most successful business men and holds a responsible position with the Imperial Tobacco Co. The presents were numerous, beautiful, useful and handsome, proving that the bride and groom both had a host of friends.

We wish this excellent couple, nothing but joy, happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. H. G. Cooper entertained Thursday evening in honor of Lieut. and Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Jr., of New York, with an informal dance. Delicious refreshments were served. About 30 guests were present.

IN THE TOILS

Special Officer Grover Hobgood Lands Two Bad Men.

J. C. Chavis and Jim Marable, colored, driving an old white mule, came to grief in Oak Hill township last Wednesday.

Special Officer Hobgood had frequently seen the white mule, and the two men traveling along the highway leading to Virgilina, and on Wednesday last he determined to make an investigation.

Establishing himself in a store a few miles west of Oxford, the officer waited patiently for the return of the party. The pair finally arrived, one entering the store and the other one remaining outside with the mule. Officer Hobgood got busy and placed the man under arrest and after establishing a guard over him he left the store to arrest the other man, but he smelt a mouse and lit a rag, the little white mule gaining speed at every bound. The wire springs in the officers' legs responded nobly and in the exciting chase he overtook the negro's throat and with the other brought the mule to a standstill. In the wagon were four quarts, one pint and one gallon of poisoned corn liquor and two empty gallon jugs, which signified a shortage at the reservoir.

The nery patrol of Oak Hill succeeded in landing his men in jail.

AN EXCITING SKIRMISH

The Sheriff's Party Encounter Seven Big Black Bucks

The quiet and law-abiding section around Shoo Fly was the scene of a fusillad last Sunday afternoon when Sheriff Hobgood, Chief Wheeler, Deputy Sheriff Booth and Officer I. H. Hobgood discovered a still in full operation in the underbrush. Reaching a point about one hundred yards from the still they stopped long enough to count seven big black men, and while cocking and priming their guns a twig broke and the black birds flew away. Shots were fired and a scream in the lowlands was heard, but no arrests were made. The fire had recently been lighted beneath the boiler and ninety per cent pure corn liquor had just begun to trickle from the still when the officers arrived. The sour mash was destroyed and the meal and the still were brought to Oxford.

FAMILY REUNION

Heads of Families, Children and Grand-Children Gather Around Mrs. John Webb.

Mrs. John Webb was never happier than on Wednesday last when she entertained at Christmas dinner the immediate family connections.

Beginning with Mrs. R. I. Devin, the aged and beautiful mother of Mrs. Webb, the ages of the children present descended to the bloom of youth. Among those present from out of town were Judge W. A. Devin, Mrs. Devin and son William, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Webb's talented daughter, Miss Francis, who arrived from the New York Fine and Applied Art Studio for the holidays.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Dr. Waller, of Asheville Will Preach Series of Sermons.

The ladies of the Oxford Baptist Church are holding a week of prayer every evening this week at 3:30 preparatory to the revival services which will be held in the church beginning January 17th. Dr. Waller, a noted divine, of Asheville, will assist Dr. Lumpkin.

Atkins-Mustian

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Millis on McClanahan street, Tuesday, December 28th, at 2:30 o'clock. The contracting parties being Mr. W. T. Mustian and Miss Florence Atkins of Chase City, Va. The bride wore a beautiful traveling suit of blue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin. The wedding march being played by Miss Kathleen Millis. The house was beautifully decorated with holly and running cedar for the happy occasion.

Brown-Cameron

Miss Ellen B. Brown, of Oxford and Mr. Eugene Cameron, of Winston-Salem were united in marriage by Rev. S. K. Phillips at the Presbyterian parsonage on the evening of January 3d. They will make their home in Durham, where Mr. Cameron holds a responsible position.

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.

OXFORD MAN KILLED

J. W. MANGUM RUN OVER BY TRAIN

Found About Three O'Clock Monday Morning on the Railroad Tracks in Durham With Leg and Arm Cut Off.

John W. Mangum, of Oxford, a fine young man in the employ of Horner Bros. Company, was killed by being run over by a train in Durham about 3 o'clock Monday morning. The Durham Sun contained the following account:

"Mr. J. W. Mangum, of Oxford, was run down and killed Monday morning at 3 o'clock, by a Southern railway shifting train, just beyond the Alston-av underpass in this city.

"Mangum, it was learned at the Malbourne hotel, had been in Durham since Friday evening. Friends said that he was here on a business and pleasure trip. One man said that he met Mangum just before the accident and that he said 'good morning.' At the hotel it was said that Mangum was there about 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

"Death resulted instantly, according to members of the shifting engine crew who saw the man immediately after he was run down. His head was crushed and both legs cut off at the thigh.

"Members of the crew said that Mangum was crossing behind the shifting train and that the train backed, thus knocking him over and causing the accident.

Mr. Mangum was considered one of the best known young men of Granville county. He was 30 years old, and unmarried. For some time he had held a position with the Horner Brothers Company as a clerk, and was highly esteemed by those who knew him.

On learning of the untimely death of Mr. Mangum a large number of Oxford friends hastened to Durham.

Funeral services will be held from the home of Mr. Mangum's mother near Berea this Tuesday afternoon.

MISS HARRIS ENTERTAINS

Hill Crest Farm the Scene of Beauty and Mirth.

The home of Mr. E. C. Harris, of Route 3, was a place of enjoyment last Monday evening from six until ten o'clock when Miss Hattie Harris entertained about fifty of her friends. Oxford and Henderson and the surrounding neighborhood were well represented by bright, hilarious youth and there was not a dull moment for anyone. The house having been carefully decorated by deft fingers and brilliantly lighted with gas, was a place of beauty. The dining room table was especially pretty with a miniature Christmas tree in the center upon this little Miss Delfie Harris had placed Santa Claus in his sleigh. Each of the twenty two plates was decorated with holly. Indeed these things were pleasing to the eye made the appetite more acute and the refreshments were heartily enjoyed.

Interesting games were played. It was amusing to see each blind-folded guest pin on the donkey's tail. For quite a while Miss Harris held the company spell-bound by her magic art in mind-reading and she also gave a humorous reading entitled: "An Abandoned Elopement." Little eight year old Delfie also recited a jolly piece in negro dialect. It was a treat to have the new pastor of the Methodist Protestant church and his interesting family present, each one being especially full of wit and humor. At ten o'clock the guests were loth to disperse and each one left after having spent a delightful evening.

The Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare Club is perfecting plans for celebrating the ter-centenary anniversary of the dramatist's death, on April 24. The other clubs and the schools of Oxford will be invited to participate in the celebration, and thus make the occasion an effective means for promoting the literary and civic life of the community.

Humphreys-McDonald

Miss Mary Elizabeth Humphreys, of Clarksville, and Mr. Hallie Robert McDonald, formerly of Texas, but now of Petersburg, were happily married December 26th at the home of the brides' uncle, Mr. T. M. Arrington, of West Oxford. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald will reside in Petersburg.

Miss Jeanette Biggs delightfully entertained the Thursday Bridge club Tuesday afternoon of this week in honor of her sister, Mrs. E. R. MacKethan, of Fayetteville. Delicious refreshments were served.