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## AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

### EVERYBODY THAT CONTEMPLATES BUILDING SHOULD BUILD LARGER

With the coming of manufacturing plants every little nook and corner in Oxford will contain a happy little home—everything will be adjusted to the changed conditions without commotion.

It is a splendid thing to know that Oxford six months hence will be the finest little city in the State. The outside world has already begun to take notice of our activities, and there can be little doubt that Oxford will in the next few years double in population, this to come about through the diversification of small and numerous manufacturing plants that will spring up in and around Oxford.

It is a splendid thing to think that the wholesome blood of a community is now united in a common purpose, and that by frankly looking one another in the face and taking counsel with one another, prejudices are dropping away, handsome undertakings are being discussed publicly and privately and a universal spirit of service has taken hold in the community. With this increasing sense of community of purpose will come a vastly enhanced individual power of achievement, for each and every one will be lifted by the whole mass of which he constitutes a part.

It is a splendid thing to feel that we are to have a market for everything and everything for the market. We cannot attract money men in the indefinite way that has been peculiar to us for a quarter of a century, but we can get them by systematic organization and definite plans. We will have to quit speaking off-handed about opportunities, but get hold of people and point them out and be able to name the price and terms that go to make a definite, business-like proposition.

It is a pleasant thing to contemplate a payroll of half million dollars a month spent in Oxford. With the coming of the manufacturing plants every little nook and corner in Oxford will contain a happy home. The present corporate limits of Oxford will accommodate twelve thousand people without crowding. The many small taxpayers will lighten the burden of the large taxpayers. Everything will be adjusted to the changed conditions without commotion; the contributions to the churches will be doubled; another fine large graded school building will be erected, but the increased number of taxpayers will lighten the burden. It will require a small squad of policemen to patrol the city and the Mayor of the city should receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per year, but the increased number of taxpayers will more than take care of the increased city budget.

It is a pleasant thing to know that with the growth of Oxford the tendency will be to decrease the size of the farms in the county and to put into cultivation all the idle lands of the county. The twelve thousand people in Oxford will dictate to the Railway companies with the result that our little city will become a distributing point for everything that is grown by the farmers, and as such the farmers become intense farmers. Granville does and will need more people—not more tenants, but more home-owning farmers. The farmers of the county own the land on which to do big things, but the thing lacking is settlers. We certainly need more settlers in the county, but when we want them real bad we can get them. How shall we get them? Certainly not by pointing out the need of them, but by going to work on definite plans to get them.

## OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER

### Bank Offers to Handle the Money Free of Cost.

By reference to the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners it will be seen that they declined to accept the offer of Mr. I. E. Harris, representing the Citizen's Bank of Creedmoor to handle the funds of the County free of cost, thereby abolishing the office of County Treasurer.

The law empowers the Board to either retain the office of treasurer, or by securing the services of a reliable bank, abolish it. The law goes a step further and says that in the event a bank obligates to discharge the duties of a treasurer, such bank must qualify on or before the first day of February. Thus it will be seen that no bank in the county qualified in time to handle the funds of the county for the revenue there is in it.

## COUNTY FATHERS IN SESSION

### COMMISSIONER HART WILL REMAIN ON THE BOARD

The Many Details Kept the Commissioners Busy All Day—Roads and Other Matters Receive Their Attention.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners met on Monday, March 6th with the following members present: Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, chairman; R. S. Hart, J. L. Peed and N. C. Floyd.

After much persuasion Mr. R. S. Hart, County Commissioner, withdrew his resignation.

Commissioner Peed stated to the Board that Mr. I. E. Harris, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Creedmoor, would perform the duties of County Treasurer without compensation as the law prescribes. After discussing same the Board decided not to abolish the office and to sustain the action of February last.

Will Kimball, colored, of Dutchville, was exempt from road duty one year.

The Board requested Mr. Ralph Curran to have four drags made, the county to pay for the bolts, irons and labor in making the same.

The chairman was appointed to relocate the following road: Beginning at Frank Kelly's mail box running with the old road about 200 yards to an old gate post, then leaving the old road and relocate, then from ½ mile to old public school building.

R. L. Watkins, Tally Ho, was granted rebate \$1.12, error in list.

Commissioner Hart was appointed a committee to locate the following road, the same having been this day granted and declared a public road: Beginning at the school house in District No. 3, on Stovall and Oak Hill and thence across to Whetstone on Oxford and Cornwall road, there being no cost for right of way or damage over the lands of R. P. Eakes, J. O. Eakes, W. G. Eakes and H. A. Hart.

Clerk ordered to pay Charlie Hunt \$4.00, buried expenses of Miss Pattie Hicks.

Commissioner Hart was appointed a committee to see Mr. Will Blackwell and have him fill all the holes between Kinton Fork and Oxford.

Chairman Breedlove and Commissioner Floyd were appointed a committee to investigate the two bridges across Ledger Rock Creek, relative to condemning soil to make approaches to bridge.

Commissioner R. S. Hart was allowed to pay \$1.00 for some old timber taken from bridge.

### Rebates

Mrs. Flora Belain, Dutchville township, was granted rebate tax \$28.90.

Curran & Curran, Dutchville, were granted a rebate on S. S. tax \$2.06.

T. D. Harris, Fishing Creek, was rebated poll tax for year 1915, \$2.60.

Mrs. L. H. Moss, Brassfield, was granted reduction of \$1,223 caused by error in valuation of list taker.

### Pauper List

Mary Cooper was admitted to the Home of the Aged and Infirm.

Mrs. Nancy Bowles was placed on outside pauper list.

Net Young, colored, Brassfield, was placed on outside pauper list.

Andrew Taylor, colored, Sasfras Fork, was placed on the outside pauper list.

Simon Green colored, Tally Ho, was placed on outside pauper list.

Peter Rowen was placed on outside pauper list.

W. R. Adcock, Brassfield, was placed on outside pauper list.

Anderson and Lina Clement were placed on the outside pauper list.

### COMMISSIONER HART

### The Oak Hill Member Will Remain on the County Board.

The Public Ledger is glad that Commissioner Hart withdrew his resignation. It was a noble thing for him to take his seat with the Board last Monday and reason with his brother members. He is the personification of honesty and sincerity, and if he makes a mistake it is not because he disregards the interests of the public. In the estimation of the county, Mr. Hart is a bigger man today than he has ever been and he will continue to grow in grace and wisdom so long as the voters send him to Oxford to look after county affairs, and this is not said in disparagement to the other members of the Board, since all of them are conscientious men and have the interest of the county at heart.

### Patriotic Sons of America

The Patriotic Sons of America established a post in Oxford Wednesday night. The lodge here starts off with 38 charter members, the most of them young men, the age limit ranging from 16 to 55 years. There is an insurance feature with the Patriotic Sons of America that makes it attractive. Mr. John W. Bester is the president, and Mr. Bester is the vice-president.

## A BAD GANG OF THIEVES

### BROUGHT INTO COURT WEARING A PAIR OF STOLEN SHOES

The Frameup to Loot the Store of Landis & Easton Was Signed and Sealed in a Negro Boarding House in Oxford.

William Cobb, alias "Bonard Cozart" and "Door Knob," one of a gang charged with entering and robbing the store of Landis & Easton one night last week, now languishes in the county jail. He was brought into Municipal Court Thursday morning wearing a pair of shoes that corresponded in number, style and quality to an empty shoe box found in Landis & Easton stores on the morning of the robbery.

According to the testimony given at the hearing before His Honor Mayor Stem in Municipal Court Thursday morning, Cobb was one of a gang that met at a colored boarding house in Oxford on the night of the robbery and entered into a compact to "go out and make a raise."

Cobb left Oxford Saturday morning with a suit case full of bran wearing apparel. He led the unsuspecting negroes to believe that he was a commercial traveler representing a big Chicago concern, and it was an easy matter for him to dispose of his slightly damaged samples—\$4 shoes for fifty cents; \$1 neckties for ten cents and such as silk stockings he threw in for good measure.

Cobb turned up in Henderson a few days ago and crawled up on top of a freight train to beat his way to Petersburg. An officer took him into custody and upon examination discovered the Landis & Easton trade mark. Special Officer Hutchins was notified and he went over to Henderson and returned with his prisoner and locked him up pending a hearing.

Detective Hutchins did some good work on the case, throwing a net around the gang from which there is no escape. It only required the careful eye and ear of General Royster, who appeared for the State, to connect the whole story up and make it dovetail. Warrants will be issued for three other negroes whose names figured in the preliminary hearing of William Cobb.

## STATE COMMITTEE MEETING

### THE STATE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN RALEIGH APRIL 27.

### Committee of Five Named to Draft Such Amendments as May Appear Necessary.

The North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee which met in Raleigh last Wednesday night expressed by unanimous vote implicit confidence in the judgment, wisdom and patriotism of the President in the discharge of his constitutional function pertaining to foreign relations and endorsed his candidacy for re-election as Chief Executive of the nation. Forty-seven members of the committee were present and in addition, the hall of the House of Representatives was packed with Democratic onlookers who were given an opportunity to participate in the action of the committee.

Raleigh was unanimously chosen as the meeting place for the State Convention and April 27 was selected as the date. Entire harmony prevailed in the meeting though considerable difference of opinion appeared as the result of possible effect of the primary law upon the plan of organization of the party. A committee of five was named by Chairman Warren to draft such amendments as may appear necessary to the plan of organization for submission to the next committee.

### During Lent

During Lent, among other attractive services, there will be on Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock a preaching or song service. At these services the Rector will preach a series of sermons on self-control. All are welcome, and cordially invited to be present.

### PAY YOUR TAXES BEFORE APRIL THE FIRST

Unless your taxes are paid before the above date, your property will be advertised for sale. More than five thousand have paid and it is your time now. If you delay and your property gets advertised it will be you, not me. Settle now. You are near enough to the last day.

Respectfully,  
S. C. HOBGOOD,  
Sheriff

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## THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

### PREPARATIONS FOR THE GREAT EVENT AT OXFORD, FRIDAY MARCH 31st

### The Most Important Event For the Schools—Literary, Athletic, Debates and a Loving Cup.

County Commencement is now the most important event for the schools in Granville County. In preparation for this and that all the children in the entire county may have an opportunity to contribute to this, we are conducting an Elimination contest in each of the seven groups of the county. In preparation for these meets the teachers of each school have been holding contests to decide who shall represent the school in declamation and various kinds of games and athletics.

We cannot urge too strongly that each school be represented in all these contests. From each of these centers pupils will come to Oxford on March 31st to contest for the highest honor in all these events.

### Seventh Grade Graduates

This year we hope to give more prominence to the seventh grade graduates. This is perhaps the most important event connected with the day, and should be recognized as such. It is no little thing in the life of a boy or girl that they have fitted themselves to pass the test of grammar grade scholarship. This seventh grade certificates represent hours and days and weeks of patient effort on the part of the pupil, and signifies a foundation laid for any other possible building he may do along these lines.

The seventh grade graduates will lead the line of march this year and it is hoped that all will be here on time.

### Marshals

Mr. W. L. Curran, of Tally Ho township will be the Chief Marshal, and he has appointed two assistants from each township. It is hoped that these men will feel justly proud of the appointment and assist in making this day one of great importance to the school children of Granville County. In addition to the help of the marshals, every school committeeman is expected to be in the line of march, leading his school. Be sure to have all your pupils here for a prize is to be given the school having the largest per cent of its enrollment in the parade.

### Loving Cup

The Loving Cup which was given last year by the Granville County (Continued on page 4.)

### APRIL TERM OF COURT

### List of Jurors Drawn for the Two Week's Term.

### First Week

P. J. Roberts, R. W. Thomson, S. C. Hart, L. T. Buchanan, A. B. Howard, G. L. Elliott, A. W. Arrington, J. S. Moss, J. P. G. Newton, W. H. Bragg, A. A. Curran, R. B. Hines, C. R. Ball, W. H. Tillotson, Clarence Inglebright, G. H. Faucett, R. A. Watkins, R. S. Tillery, R. L. Brummitt, Dr. E. T. White, W. C. Stroud, B. F. Dean, Will Lee Curran, S. H. Rogers, S. P. Pool, G. T. Pittard, E. W. Whitaker, B. T. Harris, W. H. Stovall, Lewis H. Jones, B. L. Bragg, P. L. Thomasson, J. Y. Whitaker, W. T. Hight.

### Second Week

H. M. Bragg, C. N. Buchanan, George May, W. G. Wilkins, W. F. Royster, C. U. Thomas, L. F. Smith, E. M. Elliott, W. J. Braswell, Richard W. Brown, R. M. Evins, Mason Daniel, G. S. Covington, W. E. Mayes, B. G. Bullock, J. M. Scare, Thomas S. Harris, C. L. Wheeler.

### THE OXFORD LIBRARY

### You Should Assist With Your Membership Fee.

Along with others, the library has felt the hard times, so to help catch up in expenses, the Civic Club has instructed us to offer a twelve months' subscription for \$1.00, beginning Saturday, March the fourth and closing Saturday, April the first. After this date, the price will be \$1.50 as before. If you are already a subscriber pay the dollar and your time will be extended one year. Come and take advantage of this wonderful offer. Nowhere else can you get as much good for your money. If MRS. C. D. RAY, Ch'm Library Dept.

### KNOCKING AT OUR DOOR

### The Granville Commercial Club Handling a Proposition

The Granville Commercial Club is in receipt of a letter from a well known educator in a distant State, inquiring as to the prospects of locating a school for boys in Oxford. The question was discussed by the Club Thursday night and Mr. Ben W. Parham, secretary of the Club, was requested to take the matter up.

## A LARGE STILL CAPTURED

### ALL NIGHT VIGIL IN THE HILLS OF NORTHERN GRANVILLE

Deep Down in a Dugout at the Old Hollowell Mine Near Blue Wing Negroes Carry on a Thriving Business.

After the shades of evening had fallen thick and fast upon the face of the earth, Sheriff Hobgood and Special Officer Hutchins Monday night made a spectacular flight to the old Hollowell mine in the extreme northern corner of Granville. They were joined at Blue Wing by Special Officer Lipscomb, of Virgilina.

The advices that reached Sheriff Hobgood was to the effect that a bad gang of heavily armed negroes was operating a still in one of the trenches of the old Hollowell mine. The officers regarded it as a dangerous task and they approached the mine cautiously and awaited the break of day.

The trench in which the still was located was something like the German treaches, converted into comfortable winter quarters. The officers during the quiet hours of the night thought they heard human voices in the trench, but at the coming of the light of day not a human being was in sight.

From all indications the still, a copper vessel holding more than one hundred gallons, had been operated at that point for several days. The paraphanalia for big business was there, the outfit costing several hundred dollars, but the heavy hand of the law reduced it to plunder in a few minutes. The cap, worm and still was brought to Oxford and put under lock and key to await the decision of the Court.

### VAUDEVILLE SHOWS

### With a View of Protecting the Morals of the People Harris & Crews Decline to Present Vaudeville

The Public Ledger is glad to state that Harris & Crews, managers of the Orpheum Theatre, repeatedly refuse to book vaudeville shows. "The vaudeville at best is objectionable to us," stated the management. "The people who compose the companies are, as a general rule, without histrionic ability, and their performances are not only not uplifting, but positively degrading and indecent. Only the best and cleanest of this questionable variety of amusement should be witnessed by the children, and it is well enough to have a care for the grown-ups as well," stated Mr. Harris.

The managers of the local playhouse not only refuse to book vaudeville shows, but they are extremely careful as regards pictures. We were present at the Orpheum the other afternoon when they were testing the merits of a picture that had passed the Board of Censors, but it contained a rather cruel feature and they rejected it for fear that the children would not understand the moral side that the picture presented as a whole.

### GIFTED LADY

### Mrs. Archibald Henderson Will Lecture on Suffrage at Orpheum Theatre.

Under the patronage of twenty Oxford ladies a lecture on suffrage will be given at the Orpheum Theatre on Friday afternoon, March 17th. The ladies have been fortunate in being able to secure the services of a woman of great gift in literature and of social prominence as well as suffrage leadership, Mrs. Archibald Henderson of Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Henderson has just completed her term of office as president of the Equal Franchise League of North Carolina.

Through the courtesy of the management of the Orpheum Theatre, the ladies are enabled to extend a cordial invitation to the public to take advantage of this opportunity to hear a speaker of authority on a theme of living interest.

### There is a Reason

We see by reference to the announcement of the Anchor Paper Company elsewhere in this paper that their sales during January were double that of the same month last year. The big Henderson store believes in preparedness.

### Baby Week

Baby week will close with appropriate exercises at the Oxford Graded School this Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The closing theme of the week is the care and feeding of babies. The public is cordially invited.

### Col. Fred Olds Here

Col. Fred Olds, of Raleigh, was a pleasant guest of the Oxford Graded School Wednesday. He amused the children with stories.