

AN OLD PAPER

NEWS THAT WAS NEWS FIFTY YEARS AGO

In 1866 and 1867 Fifteen Bridges in Granville Were Destroyed by Freshets, Necessitating a Special Tax of \$20,000.

The Public Ledger is indebted to Uncle Ned Booth, the faithful deputy of Granville, for an interesting document issued by L. A. Paschall in the year 1868. The author of the pamphlet took exception to the \$20,000 tax levy to rebuild the jail which was burnt during the year 1867 and the fifteen bridges destroyed by freshets in 1868. In speaking of what became of the \$20,000, the writer says:

"As was the custom under that good old County Court system, the tax lists were prepared by the Clerk of the Court, and by him handed to the Sheriff of the county. The Sheriff as usual, advertised for the people to meet him at the accustomed places, and pay their taxes. Mr. Philpott, the Sheriff, had got to but two of these places, when James I. Moore, Esq., the newly elected Sheriff, had a notice served on him to turn over his tax lists and the money collected on them. Startled at so unusual a proceeding, some of the good citizens of Oxford induced Col. Edwards to go to Raleigh with Sheriff Philpott, and if possible, persuade Governor Holden to allow him to proceed with the collections of the taxes; but it was all in vain. So far from granting their request, the Governor placed Sheriff Philpott under military arrest until he should deliver the books and papers belonging to his office into the hands of Mr. Moore. Well, Mr. Moore took the books and papers and advertised for the people to meet him and pay their taxes. About this time comes along Mr. Kittle with his army of Commissioners, and his County Trustee to see that the finances of the county are properly taken care of. He orders the Sheriff to pay such of the county orders as are drawn for the support of the poor, to the ex-

EIGHT FINE BOYS

The Sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor

It is doubtful that there could be found anywhere in the State eight finer young men in one family than the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor. The father of these young men is a traveling sales man and is away from home much of the time, which goes to prove that the mother, and not the father, points the way of the boy. These young men, starting at seniority, are as follows:

J. L. Taylor, Richmond, traveling salesman; Charles Taylor, Battery Park Bank, Asheville; D. K. Taylor, Horner Bros. Company, Oxford; W. B. Taylor, Southern Railway Company, Oxford; E. W. Taylor, Export Tobacco Company, Petersburg; R. K. Taylor, National Bank of Granville; H. L. Taylor, at Taylor Bros. Cash Grocery, Oxford; Dick, the younger, attending the Oxford graded school.

RECREATION CLUB

Entertained at the Home of Mrs. S. H. Cannady

Mrs. S. H. Cannady was the charming hostess to the Recreation Club at her lovely home on Main street Wednesday afternoon from four to six o'clock. The parlors, hall and dining room were thrown into one. The decorations were beautiful spring flowers. About thirty ladies enjoyed the ever interesting game of Rook. Dainty refreshments were served consisting of chicken salad, tomatoes on lettuce hearts, saltines, beaten biscuit, pickle and hot tea.

All-Star Program

One of the most unusual of recent releases is the Biograph all-star program, booking through the Kleine-Edison Feature Service, the attraction at the Orpheum this Saturday night. The cast includes Mary Pickford, Lillian and Dorothy Gish, F. B. O'Neil, Edwin August, Fred Mace, Mabel Normand, Mae Marsh, Henry Walthall and many others of the famous old Biograph Stock Company who have since gone their various ways to fame and fortune.

Perpetuate Names of Our Worthy Citizens

A FITTING WAY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEEDS OF THOSE WHO RENDER CONSPICUOUS SERVICE

The idea of perpetuating the names of worthy Oxford citizens by naming the High School after them is one that should have the approval of every citizen. This plan has been in effect in other places and it is a most fitting way to commemorate the lives and deeds of those who have rendered conspicuous service. Far better is it to have a monument of usefulness than one of ornamental stone. There may arise some difference of opinion as to those best entitled to the honor, but doubtless there does appear the names of several who took prominent place in the progress and development of this community. In this we do not necessarily mean the name of any one who was active in procuring the school building, but those who have qualified by noble service in all the walks of life. It is also befitting to name the school in honor of some worthy citizen during their natural life.

MEMORIAL SERMON SUNDAY

The Oxford Odd Fellows Will Hear Rev. S. K. Phillips

It is a custom with the Odd Fellows throughout the land to hold memorial services once a year in honor of their departed brethren. Sunday, April 30th, has been set apart by the local lodge of Odd Fellows for the annual event, and as Rev. S. K. Phillips is a member of the order it is fitting that he should preach the sermon.

The Odd Fellows will assemble in their lodge room not later than 10:30 next Sunday morning and march to the Presbyterian church under regalia. Rev. S. K. Phillips will lead the procession from the lodge room to the church. It is the first time in the history of the Oxford lodge that one of its members led the march and preached the annual sermon.

Odd Fellowship had its inception in this country one hundred years ago in a small room in Baltimore. The membership today numbers nearly two million men. If all the land and personal property in North Carolina was converted into negotiable script, it would not amount to as much as the order has given to the cause of the widow and the orphan and the members in distress. Rev. S. K. Phillips is one of the brightest Odd Fellows in the State on the unwritten work, and his sermon will prove of unusual interest to all who avail themselves of the privilege of hearing him next Sunday morning.

"THE STORE OF QUALITY"

The Perkinson-Green Company Enjoy a Fine Trade.

Perkinson-Green Company, "The Store of Quality," which caters to the trade of ladies and misses, is exhibiting a clever display of the very latest and most approved styles—fashions that have come direct to Oxford from New York. This reliable old firm is enjoying a brisk trade this spring. There's a reason—the right materials and price. See the formal announcement of the "Quality Store" on the fourth page of this paper.

WHITE MAN ROBS STORE

Harvey Harris Carries Him to Henderson at the Midnight Hour

Early Thursday night a strange white man broke into the store of Sam Munich on Hillsboro street and helped himself to a lot of men's clothing. The thief entered by the back door. On emerging from the store he called to Harvey Harris, a colored man, who carried him to Henderson, where he caught the early morning train for the North.

A number of people saw a strange white man laying around Oxford for several days that tallies to the one Harris carried to Henderson.

Drive In

All the streets in the business center of Oxford, which have been blocked for several weeks on account of the paving, are now open. Drive in, the people of Oxford are always glad to see you and our merchants have just as good stocks of goods as is to be found elsewhere.

FOR THE HOUSE

PROMINENT SON OF OLD GRANVILLE ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY

The Question of a Senator From This District This Year is Left With Person County to Nominate One of Her Noble Sons and it Would Seem That Dr. Tucker Is It.

Some weeks ago the Public Ledger asked Hon. D. G. Brummitt as to whether or not he would let his name go before the people this year for reelection. The best we could get from him at the time was that he would answer the question in ample



HON. D. G. BRUMMITT

time. His answer reached us today in the shape of a brief card, which will be found elsewhere in this paper. Now that Mr. Brummitt has announced his willingness to let his name go before the people, the Public Ledger is at liberty to speak out

GERMANY TO AVERT BREAK

REPLY TO AMERICAN DEMANDS EXPECTED BY SATURDAY

Imperial Chancellor Wires to Ambassador Bernstorff for Course to Pursue to Satisfy United States.

WASHINGTON—Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, in response to a request from the Berlin Foreign Office, has cabled suggestions for a course in the submarine crisis which he believes will avert a break in the relations.

The Ambassador also sent a wireless dispatch asking that the request from the Foreign Office for the Ambassador's statement said that Germany was prepared to go to great length to prevent a break.

It is considered probable that Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, took with him when he left Berlin Wednesday to visit Emperor William at headquarters, dispatches from the Ambassador. The trip requires forty-eight hours, and the Chancellor has to have time to confer with other officials there.

College Women Entertain

Last Saturday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock the members of the Callopan and Uranian Literary Societies of Oxford College were the charming hostess at an Easter reception.

The guests were ushered into the naturally beautiful reception halls, made all the more attractive by tastefully arranged flowers.

After punch was served the guests thoroughly enjoyed an evening of music and pleasant conversation. For dessert, block cream and wafers were served.

A number of the local young men and some of the Wake Forest students and some visitors from Durham were present at the reception.

MR. MARSH CALLS SUCCESSFUL

Wins Distinction at the Medical College of Virginia

The Henderson Dispatch states left Oxford a few years ago for Richmond, will be pleased to learn that his name is among the thirty-three successful ones who took the State Board of Pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia this month.

The Triangle—Oxford-Henderson-Durham

AN INTERURBAN ELECTRIC SERVICE FOR THESE TOWNS IS INEVITABLE

There is a growing intercourse between Oxford, Henderson and Durham. The people are close enough together to want to do business in one town in the morning and visit the other two during the same day. As an evidence of the truth of this is the popularity of the number of automobiles that ply between the triangle cities—Oxford-Henderson-Durham-daily.

The conclusion is that electric lines are needed. Interurban electric service for these towns is inevitable, and it will surely come sooner or later.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Plans for the Club Year Will Be Discussed This Friday.

The Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock in the Commercial Club Rooms. This is a very important meeting and all members are requested to be present. This will be our first meeting in the new club year and plans will be discussed for the year.

The chairman of each department will give an outline of her work.

At the annual meeting in April, it was unanimously decided to change the name "Woman's Civic Club" to "Woman's Club" for the reason that the club has outgrown the name Civic Club.

At that meeting the election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. John Webb, president.
Mrs. B. K. Lassiter, 1st vice-pres.
Mrs. W. B. Ballou, 2d vice-pres.
Mrs. N. H. Cannady, secretary.
Mrs. H. O. Furman, Treasurer.

Chairmen of Department

Mrs. S. H. Brown, Health.
Mrs. C. G. Elliott, Social Service.
Mrs. A. H. Powell, Literature and Library Extension.

Miss Mary Webb, Music.
Mrs. J. D. Brooks, Home Economics.

Mrs. R. G. Lassiter, Garden and Forestry.

Mrs. E. T. White, Civic.

in meeting. We sent him to Raleigh two years ago to represent us, and we are glad to send him back this year. If he was a scheming politician and had an axe to grind we would be against him.

The next session of the General Assembly will necessarily be one of great importance to the people of North Carolina, and each county ought to seek out the strongest available man to represent it. No one can doubt Mr. Brummitt's ability and integrity. He is a fine speaker and never fails to make a profound impression. During the last session he served on five of the most important committees, and as chairman of Propositions and Grievances did most valuable work for the State. He worked like a trojan on the Pension Committee and came near getting what he asked for. He also served with distinction on the Health, Appropriation, Judiciary, and Finance Committees.

The Wilmington Star, Raleigh News and Observer, the Charlotte Observer and other leading dailies of the State said that he was one of the ablest men in the General Assembly.

The Public Ledger is certainly willing to trust Mr. Brummitt in the halls of legislation. He is easy to approach and all that he wants is to know what the people themselves want. He is a man of strong personal views, but he can come as near representing the wishes of the people as any man in the county, and that's saying a whole lot.

Taking it for granted that the people of Granville will return Mr. Brummitt to the House and that the people of Person will see to it that Dr. Tucker goes to the Senate, we will have a strong team to represent our interests. Dr. Tucker served in the House last session. Senator Titus Currin and Mr. Brummitt speak of his qualities in the highest terms. Dr. Meadows has known Dr. Tucker for many years, and he told the editor of the Public Ledger that he is a very able man. To our way of thinking, we are going to have a strong team in the Legislature.

MAYOR'S COURT

OFFICERS CAPTURE LOUIS YOUNG WITH THE WET GOODS

Eli Hester Knocked George Royster Into a Cocked Hat With a Base Ball Bat—Mayor Stem Reads the Riot Act.

Eli Hester and George Royster, both colored, met at the baseball grounds last Monday, and according to Eli he asked George in a friendly way for the fifty cents due him. George told Eli that he "mout as well forget." Eli persisted that it was an honest debt, and George grabbed hold of his throat and choked him to the ground. On releasing Eli, things quieted down for a while, but the more he thought of the way he had been treated the madder he got. Slipping around to one side he procured a base ball bat and struck George a stunning blow in the back of the neck and broke for the tall timber. Special Officer Hutchins got on the job and landed Eli, but George soon recovered and left for parts unknown.

At the hearing Tuesday afternoon, Mayor Stem asked an eye-witness to tell all he knew about the fight.

"Well, I saw Eli tap George on the back of the neck with a bat and run away," said the witness.

"Why did you hit him with a bat?" inquired Mayor Stem, addressing Eli. "Caise Iz afraid of him," came the reply.

"To slip up and strike a person with the bat while he is not looking is a low down contemptible trick. Fifteen dollars and cost," said Mayor Stem.

Louis Young in the Lock Up

Chief Wheeler and Detective Hutchins spotted a half-drunken negro on the street Wednesday and resolved to go and search for the head of the stream. They went down to "Grab-all" and found Louis Young. They told Louis that they came to search his house.

"Go 'way, white man, Iz done 'tessed relijun an' gwine jine de church, I is."

Going to the back yard, the officers noticed a pile of fresh dirt under the woodpile and on investigation found there three gallons of corn liquor down in the ground, and in another place they found three dozen empty pint bottles.

The evidence was so strong against Louis, Mayor Stem, after a brief lecture, banished him to the roads for twelve months.

Crime on the Decrease

There is less crime in Oxford now than at any time in the history of the town. We attribute the decrease to the firm stand taken by Mayor Stem at the beginning of his present administration. He stated that he would break up the whiskey traffic, and it is gratifying to note that a precious little of it is handled here now.

COMING TO THE ORPHEUM

"Sin" a Story of Striking Power, Monday, May 1.

The photoplay entitled "Sin," which was written and produced by Herbert Brenon for William Fox, and in which the famous French actress, Theda Bara, and William Shay, is starred, is an unusually powerful and convincing work abounding in strong dramatic climaxes, growing out of the clash of elemental human passions.

The greatest and most widely observed of Italian religious festivals the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Carmel, is faithfully pictured in all its interesting and colorful details in the William-Fox production of "Sin". The seething crowds, the gaily decorated stalls, each displaying wax emblems for the votaries of the feast to offer in gratitude for ills cured, the flags and the blazing lights of a score of colors are all seen in this wonderful picture in which Theda Bara is starred.

The great parade, which is the feature of the celebration and in which thousands take part, each marcher carrying a huge candle is of absorbing interest.

The Good Old Summer Time

By reference to the announcement of R. W. Brown & Company elsewhere in this paper it will be seen that a person can cross the American continent in four days on a Red Indian Motorcycle. Just the thing for summer time.