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## OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATING EXERCISES THURSDAY EVENING AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

Prof. Noble, Who Delivers the Annual Address Will Be Introduced by Gen. B. S. Royster Friday Evening at 8 O'Clock.

### Program of Exercises

THURSDAY

Class 1916

Chorus—Under the Greenwood Tree—Kelly

Invocation.....Rev. S. K. Phillips

Salutatory.....Elizabeth Floyd

Essay—The Periods Into Which Shakespeare's Work May Be Divided—Ida Venable Walters.

Oration—Antony's Speech from "Julius Caesar"—Robert Madison Kinton.

Essay—Why Shakespeare Was a Dramatist—Georgia Winston.

Chorus—I Know a Bank.....Horn

High School Chorus

Class Exercises

History.....Irene Pierson

Poem.....Lucille Hunt

Characteristics.....Henry Shaw

Gifts.....Helen Howard

Prophecy.....Georgia Winston

Will.....Annie Lee

Valedictory.....Ida Walters

Presentation of Diplomas—Mr. John Webb.

Awarding of Davis Scholarship Medal

Awarding of "Independent" Essay Medal.

### FRIDAY 8:00 P. M.

Piano Trio—Polka de la Reine—Raff

Davis Smith, Agnes Cannady, Treva Garman

Chorus—The Blue Danube—Strauss

High School Chorus

Introduction of Speaker—Gen. B. S. Royster.

Address—Prof. M. C. S. Noble, University of North Carolina.

Awarding of Shakespearean Declamation Prizes—Mr. H. M. Shaw.

Presentation of Grammar School Certificates—The Superintendent.

Reading of Distinctions—The Superintendent.

Scholarships to Wake Forest, University, Trinity.

### Graduating Thesis

William Shakespeare: His Life and Times—Helen Clement.

The Development of the English Drama—Elizabeth Mary Susam Floyd.

The Character of Brutus—Helen Estelle Fuller.

Shakespeare's Early Environment and its Influence Upon His Literary Career—Edith McDaniell Howell.

The Theatre in Shakespeare's Time—Lucille Elizabeth Hunt.

Shakespeare's Julius Caesar—Annie Hamilton Lee.

Some of Shakespeare's Contemporaries—Irene Grimsley Peirson.

Some Famous Shakespearean Actors—Bessie Pitchford.

The Periods into Which Shakespeare's Work May Be Divided—Ida Venable Walters.

Why Shakespeare Was a Dramatist—Georgia Winston.

Why the Farmer Should Have Birds and Animals on His Farm—Joseph Kinsley Bryan; John Green Hall, Jr.

How Contagious Diseases are Spread—Helen Minor Howard, Robert Madison Kinton, Henry Marchand Shaw, Jr.

### MUCH GIVEN IN MARRIAGE

Four Fair Daughters Will Become June Brides

It is a foregone conclusion that four of Oxford's fairest daughters will wed during the month of June.

Two of them will make their home in Oxford and two will claim handsome estates elsewhere. It is also rumored that one of Oxford's young business men will go elsewhere and claim a bride in June.

### THE GRANVILLE GRAYS

In Realistic Sham Battle at Charlotte Celebration

General B. S. Royster, who had command of the entire State Guard and visiting troops at Charlotte last week, speaks in high praise of the Granville Grays. "They showed up well in the parade and acquitted themselves nobly in the most realistic sham battle ever fought on North Carolina soil," are some of the good things said of our home company.

Mrs. Nancy Chamblee of Wakefield is visiting her son, Mr. M. P. Chamblee.

## IS THE EMPEROR TIRED OF WAR?

BELIEVED THAT RECENT NOTES TO AMERICA CONTAINED HINTS FOR PEACE

In response to an appeal that has reached this country from the Netherlands Anti-War Council, it is announced that a meeting probably will be called soon to consider a proposal that President Wilson be urged to promote a conference of neutral nations to offer meditation in the war.

Dispatches from Berlin asserted that Americans in the German capital believe the time ripe for President Wilson to move for peace. The German official censor passed this statement.

The apostolic delegates at Washington called at the White House with a special message from the pope to President Wilson, reported to contain an appeal for peace.

A Rotterdam dispatch said it was reported in Holland that the latest German note was framed to induce the United States to make peace proposals.

British insurance brokers at Lloyd's will wager only 1 to 3 that the war would not end by Dec. 31.

Two prominent English editors interpreted Premier Asquith's recent speech as extending the olive branch to Germany. Berlin put the same interpretation on the speech.

Financial circles in New York received positive information that a member of the British government stated in a private conversation that the war would end in a few months.

Mail advices from Berlin, passed by the German censor, declared the German people believe the war should end by November and that all the belligerents want peace before winter.

### INDIAN POTATOES IN GRANVILLE

When Dried and Pulverized is Fine for Stock

Mr. F. H. Gregory sends the Public Ledger a wild sweet potato that was dug up on Mr. Petrum Eastwood's place at Stovall last week. The specimen is about one foot long and weighs four pounds. It is a perfect specimen of the wild Indian potato that grows to enormous size in the Highlands of Scotland and when dried and pulverized makes fine food for stock.

It requires from three to five years for the wild Indian potato to attain its full growth and they have been known to remain in the ground for ten years in a perfect state of preservation.

It would indeed be interesting to know how the Indian potato found its way to Granville and to what extent it would grow in this climate.

### LIBRARY EXTENSION WORK

Interesting Program at the Home of the Chairman

The Literature and Library Extension Department of the Woman's Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. A. H. Powell, who is chairman of this department. After a business session, an hour was given to an interesting program in observance of the Tercentenary celebration of Shakespeare. The music was gotten up by Miss Mary Webb, chairman of the Music Department. First on the program were two Shakespeare songs, "O Mistress Mine," S. Coleridge Taylor. "Who is Sylvia?" Shubert, sung by Miss Edna White.

A beautiful poem, "Stratford-on-Avon" written by Mrs. J. D. Brooks, one of the members of this department, was read by Miss Mary Webb. A solo, "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" from "As You Like It," Sarjeant, by Miss Marguerite Jenkins of Oxford College. A splendid and instructive lecture "Shakespeare and the Average Man" was given by Mr. B. W. Parham. Last on the program was a beautiful duet by Mrs. Ernest Parham and Mrs. J. G. Hall. While serving punch and wafers some beautiful Shakespeare records were rendered on the Victrola. H.W.

### Garden Mart and Rose Fete

Mrs. Lassiter requests the Public Ledger to announce that if it is raining Wednesday the Garden Mart and Rose Fete will be held Thursday afternoon and if it is raining Thursday it will be held indoors.

## BOOSTER EDITION

FIVE THOUSAND COPIES OF A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE PUBLIC LEDGER

To Be Issued Sometime During Mid-Summer as a Forerunner for a Greater Volume of Business in Oxford Next Fall.

Now that Oxford is blessed with as good streets as any town in the State, a greater volume of business is ours for the asking. The proper time to make a special effort to secure a greater volume of business is during the midsummer, at a time when our streets will have been cleared and the crops well advanced. If we do not ask for it at that time we miss the best opportunity of our life.

We go forth this week to interview the business men of Oxford on the possibility of getting them sufficiently interested in a five thousand highly illustrated edition of the Public Ledger, setting forth our wonderful advantages as a trading center. Every business man in Oxford, great or small, will be solicited to share in the thirty-two page five thousand edition of the Public Ledger.

It shall be the aim of the special edition to reach beyond the border of the county and secure that trade that naturally belongs to us. Will it pay to advertise our resources? Man alive! Listen! If advertising did not pay, every mail-order house in the United States would be in the receivers' hands in six months. Oxford business houses have the means at hand—their local paper—of covering their trade territory with their message to their customers at one-tenth—yes, one-twentieth—of the proportionate cost to the mail-order people.

## EDUCATIONAL

TWENTY-THREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY

The Movement Started Ten Years Ago With Knap of Reeds First and it Now Covers Half of the County.

The Clark district in Oak Hill township voted a special tax for school on the 16th of this month. This makes the 23d special tax district in the county. There will be 99 white teachers in the county next year and 59 of these will teach in special tax districts, while only 40 will be in non-special tax districts. This may change before the opening of the term, as another election is pending and several other districts are contemplating calling elections. The amount of special tax paid in the county is a little over \$10,000.

The rural sections are beginning to realize, as the cities did years ago, that in order to have better schools they have to supplement the county and state funds with local tax. This movement started about ten years ago and has spread until it now covers over half of the county. Knap of Reeds was the first district to vote in 1904.

One of the most convincing arguments for local tax is that whenever this step is taken there appears at once a greater interest in the schools and a much better attendance. For example last year the average attendance in the local tax districts was 1083 as against 797 in the other districts. But one of the most remarkable things is the fact that in the special tax districts the voluntary contributions are very much larger than in the other districts. In the year just closed these contributions amounted to \$693.26 in the special tax districts and \$251.08 in the non-tax districts. If anything it would be expected that the amounts would be reversed in as much as the people in those districts where a local tax is paid might feel that they were already contributing enough. In short in addition to paying \$10,000 extra tax for their schools these people gave voluntarily three times as much to their schools as those who paid no extra tax. It does not seem to be such a burden after all.

### "The Pine State Butter"

Taylor Brothers the sanitary grocers, have secured the exclusive agency for the "Pine State Butter," made by the Experiment Station Creamery, Raleigh. Made from the best selected cream and churned every day, puts it in the high class. See announcement on last page of this paper.

## DR. SMOOT TO OXFORD SENIORS

RICHMOND DIVINE CHARMS LARGE CONGREGATION AT OXFORD BAPTIST

Rev. C. A. Smoot, D.D., pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, and one of the most prominent clergymen of the historic city, faced an audience of splendid personnel at the Oxford Baptist Church last Sunday morning when he preached a baccalaureate sermon that will long be remembered for its simplicity, purity, directness, practicality and comprehensiveness.

All Oxford churches united to give him this audience, an important element in which was the entire student body and faculty of Oxford College. The seniors in cap and gown occupied the front rows, and behind these the undergraduates, arrayed in white, completed a charming picture of youth and beauty. Behind these extended the congregation which overflowed into the wings of the church.

In the absence of Dr. Lumpkin, pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, Dr. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist Church, presided over the service and offered prayer.

Dr. Smoot, who is near on to ripening years, is a man of delightful personality, his voice is rich, his manner natural. His congregation was captivated by him.

"My text," said Dr. Smoot, "occurs in the second chapter of Daniel and a part of the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth verses."

### Y. W. C. A. Sermon

At the evening hour, Dr. Smoot delivered the Annual Sermon before the Young Woman's Christian Association of Oxford College. Like the morning sermon, it was full of wisdom.

"What will you take home with?" asked Dr. Smoot. "There will be a residue of wisdom gained in the classroom that will abide with you, and the question is 'What will you do with it?' Truth, wisdom is of no value unless it can be translated into actual service."

The music was an interesting feature of both the morning and evening services. The young ladies of the College made up the choir and were assisted by select male voices.

### Other Exercises

Monday was crowded full of interesting events. The morning concert came off at eleven o'clock. The Alumnae Association at five o'clock was well attended.

### Tuesday, the Closing Day

The graduating exercises will take place at eleven o'clock this Tuesday morning. Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, will deliver the Annual Address. The Art reception will be held at 4:30. The Annual Concert will take place at 5:45 this Tuesday afternoon.

### A LITTLE WORLD

It Crowns the Hill Overlooking Oxford.

Frequently prominent people from all parts of the State visit the Oxford Orphanage and depart without making themselves known to the people down town. Among the recent visitors to the Institution were: Maj. B. T. Bullock, of Franklinton, Mr. C. B. Williams, of the Agriculture Department, Raleigh; Prof. C. A. Wright, Superintendent of Wilkes county schools.

Col. Fred Olds, of Raleigh, is a frequent visitor to the Orphanage, and no one but the management and his little sweethearts on the hill are aware of his presence in Oxford. The Orphanage plant is a mighty nice little world all of its own, and those who desire may visit it at any time and they are sure to receive a most cordial greeting.

### FINAL REDUCTION SALE

Rare Bargains Offered by Landis & Easton.

Landis & Easton have put on a sale that means much to the buying public. The sale is put on with the idea of closing the suit stock, millinery, ladies' muslin underwear and ready-made tailored skirts are some of the needed things included in the sale. Figures tell the tale in the announcement on the eighth page of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris and their four interesting children, of Wakefield, were the week-end guests of Mrs. Harris' brother, Mr. M. P. Chamblee.

## PRESIDENT AT CHARLOTTE

HIS SPEECH IS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND IS LEADING TOWARD PEACE PROJECT

One Hundred Thousand People Hear President at Mecklenburg Event—Processes of War Stand Still, He Declares and When You Cannot Overcome You Must Take Counsel.

President Wilson, speaking on world peace before a crowd of one hundred thousand people in Charlotte Saturday, declared that "it is an interesting circumstance that the processes of the war stand still" and that "these hot things that are in contact with each other do not make much progress against each other." He added that "when you cannot overcome, you must take counsel."

The President plainly spoke guardedly when mentioning peace in Europe, but most of his hearers saw a plain suggestion in his words. He intimated plainly that not much progress was being made, and that objects being sought by the European nations could be achieved better through peaceful means.

The President's words on peace were given significance by his hearers in view of the recent discussion of the possibility of ending the European war. He said that "here in America we have tried to set the example of bringing all the world together upon terms of liberty and co-operation and peace, and in that great experience that we have been going through America has been a sort of prophetic sample of man kind."

### Troops in Review

Thousands from all over the state packed the streets and gave the president a great demonstration. At the reviewing stand he was welcomed by Governor Craig, of North Carolina, Governor Manning, of South Carolina and their staffs. The procession, headed by the North Carolina national guard, 2,500 strong, took fully an hour to pass the point where the president stood. Mr. Wilson was introduced by Governor Craig, who spoke of Mr. Wilson as one of the greatest men the nation has ever seen.

### Mrs. Wilson

Mrs. Wilson, the first lady of the land, captivated Charlotte with her gracious manner, her winning smile, her manifest interest and pleasure in everything that transpired during the rather trying ordeal of the parade and review. Charlotte had heard much about Mrs. Wilson and a battery of tens of thousands of eyes were turned on her whenever she appeared and from every angle of vision. And the estimate was enthusiastically favorable from every one. The acclaim of the multitude was accepted by the President with quiet appreciation but there were many new phases and angles with Mrs. Wilson. She was aglow for the unusual and missed little of what was passing. Thus, for instance, when the industrial floats were slowly winding their way by the stand she evinced the keenest interest in everything; leaning forward to see the better. She is equally as handsome as her photographs indicate and gives the appearance of youth and robust health. She was strikingly handsome as she faced the great throng in a gown of black Georgette crepe over white taffeta. She wore a white fur boa and large black hat trimmed in black feathers shade to white.

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Yielding to the request of quite a large number of voters, Mr. E. C. Harris of Fishing Creek Township has consented to be a candidate for the office of County Commissioner. Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. We heartily endorse his candidacy. Mr. Harris is well known as a careful, conservative business man. The people of Granville county will do well if they nominate and elect him Commissioner.

H. H. HICKS,

A. J. DICKERSON,

P. H. DAVIS,

W. S. HOWELL,

Executive Committee, Dement Precinct, Fishing Creek Township.

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

At the solicitation of many voters, Mr. Wyatt E. Cannady has consented to go before the Democratic primary for the office of County Commissioner. He is a man of sound judgment, ability and will serve the best interests of the county. We take pleasure in endorsing him. I. H. DAVIS, R. S. USRY