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AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

CROWDS HEAR PROF. NOBLES AT OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarship Honor Roll—Distinctions in Scholarships—Perfect Attendance and Deportment Honor Roll

The auditorium was taxed to its capacity last Friday night to witness the closing exercises of the Oxford High School. The address of Prof. Nobles, the presentation of scholarships and the reading of distinctions were the features of the evening. Gen. Royster, whose guest was Prof. Noble while in Oxford, happily introduced the big hearted, jovial educator from Chapel Hill.

No one can exactly describe Prof. Noble or the excellent manner in which he holds his audiences. To begin with, he looks like a good-natured, aristocratic Irishman, about five feet high, and the nuggets of wisdom rolls so smooth and so fast from his lips you can scarcely drink them all in. The fact that the title of his address was "The Supreme Court Reverses Itself," his hearers expected a logical discourse on the law, but such was not the case. The speaker referred to the fact that a man's mind is a supreme court unto itself, and he gloried in the man who is broad enough to reverse his mind when he sees that he is in the wrong.

In speaking of bond issues, Prof. Nobles said that he was accosted by an astute elderly gentleman in a town in eastern North Carolina: "See here, (Continued on Page Eight)

A GOOD MORAL SECTION

What a Few Good Determined Men Can Do.

Mr. E. P. Roberts, who resides near Bowling Mountain, was in Oxford Saturday. In the course of his remarks to a crowd of friends gathered about him, Mr. Roberts stated that it is remarkable what a few earnest determined men can do when they get right down to business. I remember, said he, when nearly every stream in Bowling Mountain section had an illicit distill on it. "The very ground on which our church is now located," said Mr. Roberts, "was the gambling and drinking resort of the negroes, and by the co-operation of a few good men they were put out and we now have one of the best and most orderly neighborhoods in Granville."

MAGNIFICENT LAWN

Dr. Cannady Possesses a Rare Secret.

We dare say that the magnificent lawn surrounding the beautiful home of Dr. S. H. Cannady on Main street is the most magnificent green sward in the State. There is an evenness and freshness about it that is most pleasing to the eye. Even in the dense shade the grass is as luxuriant as where the sun strikes it. We are inclined to think that the good Doctor has a formula by which he produces a superior sward. At any rate, he is just a little ahead of that part of Kentucky famous for its blue grass lawns.

HIGH PRICED TOBACCO

Two Dollars Per Pound for the Granville Leaf

The Richmond Times-Dispatch Sunday contained the following item in reference to the price of tobacco fifty years ago, or May 27, 1866:

"A lot of fancy leaf tobacco was sold at the Tobacco Exchange yesterday for \$200 per 100 pounds, the highest price tobacco in large quantity ever brought in Richmond or elsewhere. This lot of 720 pounds was grown in Granville County, N. C., and was sold by Walter K. Martin & Co. W. B. Jones & Co., were the buyers."

INTERESTING PROGRAM

Dr. Lumpkin Will Address Providence Community Club

The Providence Community Club will hold its next meeting Thursday afternoon, June 1st, at 3:30 o'clock. A literary program will be given. The principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. Lumpkin, of Oxford, who will give good advice on the subject of "Good Reading."

Reduction Sale

The big reduction sale is still going on at the store of Victor Kaplon at the head of Main Street. See adv. on the fourth page of the Public Ledger.

PRESIDENT WILSON OUTLINES PEACE PLANS

BRUMMITT'S LEGISLATIVE RECORD

WAS CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF THE FIVE BIG COMMITTEES

In our opinion the people are always entitled to full knowledge of the records of their servants in public offices. This is especially true of representatives in the legislature and, therefore, for our own information and that of our readers we have asked a man qualified to make the investigation to look into the records of the last General Assembly and advise us as to the record of Mr. D. G. Brummitt in that body. For want of space, we shall only attempt to summarize the career of Mr. Brummitt as a legislator.

In the first place Mr. Brummitt held the distinction of being chairman of one of the five big committees of the House. There are many committees of the House, and it is rare for a new member to be chairman of any of them, but especially is it an honor for a first-termer to hold the chairmanship of one of the "big five".

Brummitt stood for economy in appropriations, voting from time to time against appropriations which he judged to be unnecessary, and lining up with the men who believed in supporting the State institutions, but in doing so on an economical basis. He did, however, vote to increase the appropriation for the Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Montrose, an institution which is every day justifying the appropriation.

He was active in his efforts to secure an increase of \$4.00 to the Confederate pensioners of the State. He fought for the passage of this measure both in the committee and on the floor of the house, but failed to secure its enactment. The bill providing for the raising of the property qualifications of the pensioners from \$500 to \$1000 was supported by Mr. Brummitt.

We have heard it stated that Mr. Brummitt voted for the measure appropriating money for the purchase of Mt. Mitchell and that he voted for the law enabling the Tax Commission to increase the assessment of the counties. In fairness to him, we will just say the records show that he voted (Continued on Page Five)

TEST OF CHARACTER

Dead Beats Should Be Run Out

A witness in Granville court, asked about the character of one of the parties to a suit, said his character wasn't so good. Asked on what he based the idea that the man's character wasn't good, the witness answered that he had the reputation of not paying his debts. Many a man who doesn't pay his debts would have no difficulty in proving a good character in court, and the Public Ledger doesn't recall that it ever heard this failing assigned as evidence of bad character, nothing else appearing. But without reference to this particular case, for we know nothing of the parties involved, this paper holds that one who makes it a practice to fail to pay his honest obligations isn't straight and therefore his character isn't good. The witness had the right view, whether he was right as to that particular case or not. But if every man listed in the dead-beat class should be put down in the courts as a man of bad character, a big bunch would fail in the character test—and they should fail.

FORTY-NINE MILES TO RALEIGH

One Hour and Fifty-One Minutes in a Ford Car.

Dr. Watkins and Mr. Fred Peed made a trip to Raleigh in a Ford car. There was no particular reason for making fast time, but the roads were good and they thought that they might as well come home. They glanced at their watches when they entered the car in front of the Yarbrough House and when they pulled up in front of Dr. Watkins office in Oxford they discovered that they had covered the distance of forty-nine miles in one hour and fifty-one minutes.

Careful Driver

Master Junius Cooper is driving a nice car, the gift of his father, Col. H. G. Cooper.

UNITED STATES READY TO JOIN WITH OTHER NATIONS TO PRESERVE PERMANENT PEACE OF THE WORLD.

Desire of the Whole World Now Turns More and More Eagerly Towards the hope of Peace—Includes Provision for Absolute Freedom of Seas, a Contention Which Has Been Keystone of All the Diplomatic Discussions With Germany and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON — President Wilson declared Saturday night before the League to Enforce Peace that the United States was ready to join in any feasible association of nations to preserve the peace of the world against "political ambition and selfish hostility" and in service of "a common order, a common justice, and a common peace." He expressed the hope that the terms of peace which end the war would include such an arrangement.

Absolute Freedom of the Seas
Outlining suggestions for peace, which the President said he hoped the United States would make if it had opportunity to do so, he included provision for absolute freedom of the seas, a contention which has been the keystone of all the diplomatic discussions with Germany and Great Britain; and virtual guarantees of territorial integrity and political independence.

Officials interpreted the President's address as a preliminary feeler for peace in Europe. He outlined the conditions on which the United States would move if it made a formal mediatory offer with the idea, it was understood, of learning how such suggestions would be received abroad.

"I am sure," said the President, "that the people of the United States would wish their government to move along these lines:
Peace Duly, and its Future Guarantees.

"First, such a settlement with regard to their own immediate interests as the belligerents may agree upon. We have nothing material of any kind to ask for ourselves, and are quite aware that we are in no sense or degree parties to the present quarrel. Our interest is only in peace and its future guarantees.

Universal Association of Nations
"Second, a universal association of the nations to maintain the inviolate security of the highway of the seas for the common and unhindered use of all the nations of the world, and to prevent any war begun either contrary to treaty covenants or without warning and full submission of the causes to the opinion of the world—a virtual guarantee of territorial integrity and political independence."

FINE HOME FOR SALE

Mrs. E. T. Rawlins Will Leave Oxford.

Owing to the fact that Mrs. E. T. Rawlins has decided to make her residence elsewhere, she is offering her splendid home for sale. Her residence is situated on Main street, opposite the home of Mr. John Webb and adjoins the property of Mr. J. G. Hall. It is indeed seldom that so valuable a residential property is offered for sale in Oxford. Elsewhere in the Public Ledger will be found Mrs. Rawlins' brief announcement of her desire to sell the property.

Fine Attendance

During the past year at the graded school there were in the fourth grade twenty children who did not miss a single day during the entire year. There were four others who missed only one day each. There were 28 who were not tardy during the entire year. This good attendance speaks well for the health and interest of the children.

Low Temperature

In these days of sweltering weather it is indeed a pleasure to find a place in Oxford to cool off. The half dozen electric fans at the Orpheum Theatre makes it the ideal spot to pass a pleasant hour and at the same time to be highly entertained with splendid pictures.

FINALS AT OXFORD COLLEGE

THE ALUMNAE RENEWED THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THEIR ALMA MATER

(Written for Public Ledger)

The exercises began Sunday morning with the Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. T. A. Smoot, D.D., Pastor Centenary Church, Richmond. Dr. Smoot took for his text, Daniel 2:28. There is a God in Heaven that revealeth secrets." Prayer, or a personal knowledge of God, said he is the key and the only key with which the mysteries, perplexities and troubles of life can be unlocked. The sermon was clear and lofty in thought, full of beauty and strength, and brought to those who heard it a new message of faith and hope.

In the evening, Dr. Smoot selected for his text in his sermon before the Y. W. C. A., Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."—Theme, "Thought Atmosphere."

Both sermons were so appropriate, so beautiful in thought and diction, so full of strength and so freighted with practical advice, faith and courage, that it was difficult to decide which was the better of the two.

The music both morning and evening was furnished by the carefully trained Chorus Class of the College, and the selections were well chosen and beautifully rendered.

Morning Concert

On Monday morning at eleven o'clock in the College chapel was given an interesting and enjoyable concert.

While those figuring in this program were not the most advanced pupils in the departments represented, they showed most careful training and diligent application and the selections were well received.

An appreciative audience lent interest to the occasion.

Alumnae Meeting

The Alumnae came together in larger numbers than ever before and a very enthusiastic meeting was held in the Calliopean Society Hall of the College.

The Alumnae have awakened to the fact that their Alma Mater, which (Continued On Page Two)

KIND WORD FOR PROF. PITTS

Resolution Read at the Closing Hour of the Oxford High School

The teachers of the Oxford Graded School, ever mindful of the courtesy and kindness of Prof. Pitts, gave expression to their feelings in the following resolution, which was read by Mr. John Webb, chairman of the school board, at the closing hour of the school.

We, the teachers of the Oxford Graded School, wish to make public acknowledgement of our appreciation of the uniform courtesy, kindness, and consideration which we have received from Mr. Pitts throughout the term of his stay in Oxford as Superintendent of the Oxford Graded Schools, and to assure him that our deep and sincere good wishes will follow him into his new sphere of usefulness.

Bertha L. Paris, Jeannette Biggs
Sadie Parham, May White
Lillian Minor, Ella Clement
Kate F. Brummitt, Lucy Webb
Mrs. John B. Booth, Carrie Fuller

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Hays and Mayor Stem Will Speak on Health Measures

The members of the Health Department of the Woman's Club are requested to meet Wednesday afternoon promptly at 5 o'clock on the lawn of Mrs. C. G. Elliott for organization and to make plans for this year's work.

At 5:30, the entire Club is invited to listen to Dr. B. K. Hays, who will talk to the ladies on the subject of public health. Mayor Stem will also address the Club at this time, making such suggestions as he thinks can be worked out by a combination of forces. MRS. C. E. BROWN, Chairman Health Dept.

Stand by Their Friends

Although the Republicans have put out a ticket in Granville it is pretty well understood that many of them are going to vote for their Democratic friends.

A NEW ORGANIZATION

THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Holds Important Meeting and Elects Mrs. Will Kimball, of Providence, Executive in Chief.

Representatives from a number of the clubs of the County met in Prof. J. F. Webb's office at the Court House last Friday afternoon and organized the Granville County Federation of Clubs.

The object of this federation is for mutual helpfulness and co-operation. The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Will Kimball, of Providence.

First Vice-President—Mrs. S. H. Rodgers, of Creedmoor.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Fred Curran, of Enon.

Secretary—Miss Mary G. Shotwell.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. B. Meadows, of Culbreth.

The meeting was quite enthusiastic and with such efficient officers the organization is going to mean much for our county and the good people who live in it.

Two meetings will be held during the year—one business, and one social.

HOTTEST DAY OF YEAR

Records Smashed Sunday When Thermometer Climbed to 97 Degrees

The hottest day of the year and one that was only one degree lower than the hottest day last summer was experienced in Oxford last Sunday. For a short spell in the afternoon the thermometer stood at 97 in the shade. The excessive heat is attributed to a high pressure area over the South Atlantic Ocean and a low pressure over the Lake region, causing the winds to be southerly or southwesterly.

OXFORD BAPTIST PICNIC

Will Go to Shady Nook Near Providence

The committee having in charge the date and place of holding the Oxford Baptist Church picnic reported Sunday. The recommendations of the committee were adopted and the picnic will be held Thursday, June 15th, in a shady nook on Tar River near Providence. Committees were named to handle the details and it is going to be a big day.

THE WILLINGHAM PORTRAIT

Touching Tribute to the Lamented Divine

Commenting on the many interesting incidents at the Southern Baptist Convention held in Asheville last week, the Biblical Recorder contains the following in reference to the willingham portrait painted by Mrs. Burwell, of Oxford:

"One of the features of a remarkable Convention was the presentation of a life-size oil portrait of the lamented Dr. R. J. Willingham, which, by the way, was painted by Mrs. Burwell, of Oxford. The speech of presentation was made in chaste and beautiful language by Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Louisville, Ky. When the handsome picture was unveiled the great congregation rose and sang, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." There were tears in many eyes. Dr. Willingham certainly made a profound impression upon the men of his generation.

"The portrait is to hang in our Foreign Mission Rooms in Richmond."

MR. LEE PROMOTED

Mr. William Bailey Comes From Cheraw

Mr. H. F. Lee, who for the past two years superintended the local affairs of the Carolina Power and Light Company in Oxford, has been promoted to a like position in Goldsboro and left Oxford Tuesday morning to take up his duties there. Mr. Lee made many friends in Oxford and while they regret to see him leave they are glad that his company recognized his worth. Mr. Lee takes the place of Mr. Couch, a former resident of Oxford, who has been promoted from the Goldsboro office to the Raleigh office.

Mr. William Bailey, successor to Mr. Lee, is a young man and comes from Cheraw, South Carolina, highly recommended. All good people will extend to Mr. Bailey a cordial welcome to Oxford, the most hospitable town in the State and otherwise great.