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VERY HANDSOME STREETS

THE EQUIVALENT OF EIGHT MILES OF ROAD TWENTY FEET WIDE

Total Pavement Laid 78,363 Square Yards—Total Curb and Gutter Laid Eight Miles.

The universal verdict is that the R. G. Lassiter Construction Company has more than sustained their enviable reputation in their contract with the town of Oxford. There is scarcely a blemish in the 78,363 square yards of pavement and eight miles of curb and gutter placed by this company.

It is not at all strange that Mr. Lassiter, who was ever present to see that the work was executed in the best style, taking extraordinary pains and spared no expense to give to his home town the very best that was possible. In giving to Oxford the very fine streets we enjoy, the "home town" was ever uppermost in Mr. Lassiter's mind. He lives here, and there is not a more loyal citizen in our borders, and he proposes to reside here the remainder of his days.

When the question of improving the streets was first agreed upon there were those in Oxford that opposed the proposition, but we heard one of the bitterest opponents the other day remark that he could not for the life of him see now how in the world we got along with muddy streets year in and year out.

Our good streets has been the means of robbing the town of its petty jealousy. Every man realizes that his property has increased in value and he has reached a point where he is willing to do his share in maintaining the increased values. Take for instance the man who must pay out \$500 in ten years. The burden acts as a spur to that man, and instead of lambasting everybody and everything he has pulled off his coat and rolled up his sleeves and henceforth he will be found allied with the best interests of the town.

"Oh, you have such beautiful streets," is a common remark made by hundreds of people who pass through Oxford. "We have passed through hundreds of towns," say the tourists, "and Oxford is far ahead of anything we have seen during our travels."

It certainly is a great pleasure to realize that the world has its eye upon Oxford. With it will come numerous enterprises and people to share the burden of taxation. No one can expect great things until the affairs of the world are again properly adjusted, and then the old town that has laid dormant so long will arise and claim all that is due her. By virtue of the quarter million dollars invested in good streets our citizens have become organized and are now ready to entertain any proposition looking to the interest of the town.

THE COUNTY FAIR

Premium List Will Be Distributed In Couple of Weeks

Mr. P. W. Knott, the hustling secretary of the Granville County Fair, states that the premium list, now in the hands of the printers, will be ready for distribution about the middle of August. It will be his aim to place the list in every home in the county. As soon as the premium list is ready Secretary Knott will begin an active campaign in the interest of the Fair. So far this season he has met with encouragement, but the real genuine enthusiasm is yet to be kindled among the farmers. The farmers should realize that the Fair is for their especial benefit and they should give Mr. Knott all the encouragement possible.

Aside from the educational feature of the Fair, Mr. Knott favors wholesome amusement. He is now in communication with a number of high-class attractions and the three day's event in October promises to be full of interest.

"MY MADONA"

Screen Favorite at the Local Play House

Coming to the Orpheum next Monday night "My Madona" with Mme. Petrova in the title role. This is one of the fine dramas of the Popular Players.

Friday night is always "Funny Night", and "The Girl and the Game" is a popular feature for Saturday nights.

The State Library of Being On Time

THERE ARE THOSE THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON BEING LATE EVERY TIME

Statesville has started a crusade for punctuality. The Landmark, following the suggestion of a leading citizen, proposes to let those who come late, under the mistaken impression that it is fashionable to do so, understand distinctly that it is quite the contrary and that they are winning the contempt, instead of the admiration, of those who came at the proper time. It is a fact that half of the people spend a great portion of their time waiting on the other half. Sometimes the parties of the first part decide to turn the tables and let the other man do the waiting.

As a general proposition, the cultured people of this community are prompt, but here and there you will find a few that dote on showing their fine figure. One of our leading citizens remarked the other day that he did not know which was the most sinful, to enter a church late and disturb the preacher and the congregation or not attend the church at all.

It is highly important in some places that if a meeting shall be called to order promptly at 8:30, the only way to assure it is to announce it for 8 o'clock. In cities where street cars must be depended on, it is often difficult to keep an appointment on the moment because missing a car by half a minute may enforce a wait of fifteen minutes or more. And yet as a rule the larger the town the busier the people, the more punctual they are, because they must be in order to transact the allotted volume of business. The comment is frequently made that the Northern people work hard and fast while they work, and then play while they play, whereas the average Southerner prefers to work more leisurely, and the result is he has less time, or no time, left for recreation. But there is no excuse for taking the time of another with whom one has an engagement, however strong the suspicion that he is himself at the appointed place. These matters are best regulated by cultivating a wholesome public sentiment which condemns the forgetful and the negligent.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMING

Will Hold Three Day's Session In Oxford

The executive committee of the North Carolina State Baraca and Philathea Union will meet in Oxford this Saturday, August 5th, and continue through Sunday and Monday. The meeting will be held in Lyon Memorial Building. The Philatheas members will be entertained by Miss Hettie Lyon while in Oxford. The Baracas will be quartered at the Exchange Hotel.

The members of the committee will visit the various Sunday Schools of Oxford Sunday morning.

All good people are indebted to Miss Lyon, National State Philathea Secretary for North Carolina, for bringing the Executive Committee together in Oxford. They will fall among pleasant places in Oxford.

GILLIS' CONDITION CRITICAL

Woman Held Without Bail to Await Result of Injuries

BALTIMORE—Because of the critical condition of M. L. Gillis, of Stovall, N. C., who was assaulted and robbed on the Philadelphia road one week ago, the habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of Pearl Thornton, who is one of those charged with being implicated were called off Tuesday by Judge Heusler. Mr. Gillis is in such a condition that little hope is being held out for his recovery. Pearl Thornton was committed to jail several days ago without bail to await the result of the injuries of Gillis.

An operation was performed on the injured man Tuesday and an inch and a half of bone that had been pressing on the base of the brain was removed. It is said that while the operation seemed to relieve the patient there was little doubt but that a second operation would be performed within a few days. The woman alleges that she knows nothing of the assault.

Misses Hixie White, Helen White, Alline Hicks and Alline Minor are spending a week at Atlantic City.

DEUTSCHLAND

THE UNDERSEA CRAFT SLIPPED QUIETLY THROUGH THE DARKNESS TO OPEN SEA

Not a Single Allied Ship Was Visible When the Submersible Left the Territorial Waters.

NORFOLK—As peacefully as a ferry boat crosses the Hudson river the German submersible Deutschland passed out the Virginia capes into the open sea at 8:35 o'clock Wednesday night bound for Bremen. The Deutschland had chosen an ideal night of darkness and raging storms for her getaway and not a single cruiser of the allies' patrol, which has watched for her so long just outside of territorial waters, was discernible when she neared Cape Henry as night fell.

Ostensible fishing schooners were on hand to exchange quick gleaming signals with her just before she departed. The neutral watch maintained for the last two days by United States navy department with the cruiser North Carolina and four destroyers had been all but abandoned and no American government vessels were in sight as the under sea trader finished the first and perhaps the most hazardous lap of her 3,800 miles journey back to Bremen.

The tug Timmins after exchanging a few signals with the Deutschland just before the latter sank, started back to Baltimore after hovering near the spot for half an hour.

As she had been specially rigged and equipped for conveying submarines she took with her when she deserted this harbor all expectations that the Bremen sister ship of the Deutschland would put into these waters in the near future. The going of the Deutschland started with a beautiful marine picture including an eighteen mile ray to the capes through mountainous seas and was climaxed in swift and silent drama as the great liner dipped under the waves and fled.

After proceeding slowly most of the way down she increased her power at 6:30 o'clock and reached the capes just after dusk.

MR. CALTON TO THE RESCUE

DONATES LAND AND A TWO-ROOM SCHOOL BUILDING

The Public Spirited Citizen Makes the Proposition Jointly to Granville and Person Counties.

One of the most interesting and significant propositions ever made to the Board of Education of this county was recently made by Mr. W. T. Calton, of Caltonia. This proposition was made jointly to Granville and Person counties, and consists of the donation of five acres of land and a two-room school building on condition that the two counties establish a school at his place to take the place of the two small schools, one in each county. This offer on the part of Mr. Calton is especially significant as an indication of what value business is beginning to place on the school. The company which he represents owns 1100 acres of land in this section. This land will some day be for sale. Mr. Calton estimates that he can spend \$1100, one dollar per acre for his land, on a good school and make it pay him in the sale of his farm. In other words he will have to get only one dollar per acre more for the land to pay for this investment.

Let us look at this a little closer. It is not only the 1100 acres of this tract of land that will be affected. Within two and one-half miles of any center there are over ten thousand acres of land. Let us suppose that a good school will add fifty cents to the value of each acre. On this basis the community could afford to put \$5,000 in a school building and the added values would be as much as the cost of the house. In other words the school building would not cost anything.

Visiting Chemists

Dr. McGruder, chief chemist of the F. F. Royster Fertilizer Co.; J. C. Devilbliss, of Richmond, and Mr. Perry, of the Durham Fertilizer works, were visitors at the Test Farm this week. These gentlemen visited the Farm informally and made tests and we learn that they were highly pleased with the results.

Rules Governing Promotion in Graded School

OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL WILL OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER THE FOURTH

Every successfully operated institution has at its basis a definite policy and standard of action. The public school is no exception to this rule. In view of this the following requirements must be met regarding the promotion of all pupils from one grade into the next. Often the conditioned pupil feels that his or her case is an exceptional one. To recognize such destroys one of the essential lessons of school life—thoroughness and attention to duty.

No pupil can contend for a moment that an examination given to all is unfair. Please observe the following rules regarding the examinations:

1. Any pupil of any grade who is conditioned on one subject must satisfactorily pass on that subject before entering the next grade.
2. Any pupil of any grade who is conditioned on two subjects must satisfactorily pass on both subjects before entering the next grade.
3. Any pupil of any grade who is conditioned on more than two subjects must remain in the same grade as before.
4. Any pupil of any grade who is conditioned on either term of any subject must abide by rules 1, 2 and 3 in order to gain promotion.
5. Examinations on all conditioned subjects will be given to those allowed to take them during the week preceding the opening of school on September 4th, 1916 at the Graded School building, under the direction of the Superintendent and any of the teachers he may see fit to call upon.

These regulations are published so that the parents and children may know just what to expect. Justice to all and efficiency in the school room demands that you help in carrying out the above rules.

It is often better for a child to take a grade a second time than to try to push through, deficient in some subjects. It will prove a handicap throughout school and business life.

I urge you not to make yourself think that your child should be an exception to the above regulations. The fact that your child was only a very few points below the standard of 75 or was sick at the time of examination makes an examination the fairest method of promotion.

See that your child receives the work within the next month under the direction of some one and then make arrangements about the examination. The child may bring a statement of the work done under the coach and hand in with the examination.

G. B. PHILLIPS, Supt.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Granville Boy Returns From the Ottoman Empire

Mr. Freddie Stem, son of Mr. Buck Stem who some years ago was associated with the tobacco interest in Oxford, returned from Turkey a few weeks ago on a visit to his father at Darlington, S. C., and numerous relatives in the Stem section of the county.

Before going to Turkey several years ago, Mr. Stem played ball on the Boston team of the American League. It has been seventeen years since he was in Oxford and he is very favorably impressed with his old home town. Since his return from abroad a few weeks ago, Mr. Stem has taken unto himself a handsome bride. They left for New York Thursday and will sail for Turkey Sunday.

Unusually Good Music

The Methodist congregation of Oxford has been enjoying some unusually good music of late. The regular choir, which is one of the best in town, is being assisted during the summer months by Miss Hutchens, Miss Tva Minor, Mr. Thomas L. Pace, Mr. W. G. Pace, Jr., and Mr. Sam Barbee. The congregation appreciates very much the splendid service which they have so freely rendered. Special preparation is being made by the choir for the union service to be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday night.

Miss Sunshine Hicks entertained a number of her friends Wednesday evening in honor of her house guest, Miss McClelland, of New York.

MR. C. E. HUGHES ACCEPTS

DECLARES IN FAVOR OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO GIVE EQUAL SUFFRAGE TO WOMEN

Ex-Jurist, Accepting Republican Nomination, Criticizes President's Acts—Declares New Policies Are Needed, But Neglects to Define Them.

Charles E. Hughes received formal notification of his nomination for President by the Republican party and made his speech of acceptance Monday night before an audience which, in the sweltering heat, filled Carnegie Hall, New York City, from orchestra to topmost gallery.

The speech was chiefly a critical review of the Wilson policies, in particular the treatment of the Mexican situation and the record made by the Administration in relation to the warring powers in Europe. It was at times scathing in its criticism. At other times Mr. Hughes' utterances were fraught with satire, which the audience applauded heartily.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who occupied one of the lower boxes, shared honors with the Republican nominee as a center of interest and attraction at the notification ceremony, though he took but a silent part. He was cheered for from three to four minutes when he entered his box shortly after 8 o'clock and was forced to rise again and again to bow acknowledgment of the ovation.

From many parts of the hall rose the cry familiar from the days in Chicago immediately preceding the Republican National Convention, "We want Teddy."

Ovation Also for Hughes

The appearance of Mr. Hughes on the platform about 15 minutes later was the signal for a new demonstration, which both in length and intensity equaled, but did not surpass that bestowed on the Colonel.

It was Colonel Roosevelt's first appearance at a Republican gathering since his voluntary exile from the party that has honored him so signally, following the Chicago convention of four years ago.

Woman's Suffrage

Mr. Hughes' letter to Senator Sutherland was in reply to a telegram received from the Senator asking the nominee to define his personal position with regard to the equal suffrage Federal amendment. Mr. Hughes replied:

"In my answer to the notification I did not refer to the proposed Federal amendment relating to woman suffrage as this was not mentioned in the platform. I have no objection, (Continued On Page Two)

NOTED WRITER HERE

Mr. Frank W. Day, of Washington City

Among the many friends of Mr. A. H. Powell is Mr. M. V. Richards, head of the Industrial Department of the Southern Railway. It was the intention of Mr. Richards to visit Oxford at this time on the invitation of Mr. Powell, but the demands on his time is great and he did the very next best thing by sending Mr. Frank W. Day, who is identified with Mr. Richards' office. Mr. Day is a forceful writer and has the happy faculty of seeing things as they are. We are indeed fortunate to have the distinguished writer to visit Oxford just at this time, that he may see the beautiful streets and homes and splendid sites for manufacturing plants. Mr. Day, with Mr. Powell, had already visited the Oxford Orphanage and several other places when we saw him this morning. "Oxford presents a magnificent appearance," said Mr. Day. Notes of Mr. Day's visit to Oxford will appear in the Southern Field September first.

UNION SERVICES

Will Be Held Each Sunday Evening During August

It would seem that the Public Ledger was a bit hasty in announcing that the Union Services in the Oxford churches came to a close last Sunday night. We are glad to announce that the services will continue throughout the month of August. The union services next Sunday evening will be held at the Methodist church, and each Sunday night throughout the month in the other churches.