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## FAMILY TALK

THE THING IS FOR THE PEOPLE TO MAKE THE TOWN

It Has Been Too Long a Mistaken Idea In Oxford That It Is For The Town To Make The People.

The citizens of Oxford should organize an industrial foundation, or some plan by which encouragement could be extended to manufacturing interests. We are hardly in a position to sit down and await the arrival of industrial plants. We must at least open up the way and extend the invitation.

Once Oxford should catch the spirit of the Western cities there would shortly be under way a development in this section of the country that would surpass any Western record that has yet been made. It has been too long a mistaken idea in Oxford that it is for the town to make the people. The thing is for the people to make the town. Oxford is bound to be a great city some day. No imaginable circumstance could arise to check its self-attained impetus. But the coming of the day when Oxford will stand acknowledged by the world as a great city can be vastly hastened by co-operative action on part of its own people. With the whole population turned pullers and pushers Oxford will come along at a rate that will eclipse the fastest of the boasted Western records. Oxford has greater opportunities than some of these cities whose only claim to superiority is in a large population.

The people of Oxford want to turn their eyes to the future and once determinedly united on making Oxford a great city they will find it an easy matter to make swift strides in that direction. While the 5,000 people of Oxford all of a jolly good mind, all big fellows and not a little man among us, giving and taking, and acting with the one motive of pushing the things that are best for the whole town, we would shortly have a development under way here that would astonish ourselves, as well as the outside world. An organized inducement for new enterprises and equitable taxes are wanted. We have the power in unlimited quantities for running the industries, we have the railroad rates and we have the markets. We have everything at hand to make Oxford great if we once put these things in evidence the right way.

### WHO SHOULD BE VACCINATED

Dr. Hays, Our Health Officer, Answers Important Question

In answer to the question "Who should be vaccinated against typhoid fever?" Dr. Hays, our valuable health officer said in part:

"All who come under the following heads should be vaccinated against typhoid as their positions largely increase their chances for contracting it: Drummers and railroad men; all vacationists, especially people who travel much; practicing physicians and nurses; all people who live in towns and small cities; people who live in the country; people who live in a town or community where typhoid is epidemic; people who sat at various hotels and restaurants; people who have no means of knowing whether their food has been free from flies and filth; and finally all people who have not a big bank account or who have loved ones dependent on them."

### JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT

Acting Mayor W. Z. Mitchell Firm, But Lenient

It was our pleasure to look in upon Municipal Court Monday morning. Commissioner W. Z. Mitchell, who is presiding in the absence of Mayor Stem, came in and scanned the motley crowd with his eagle eye and tried to look severe, but his quivering lips betrayed him and the usual smile spread over his pleasant features.

"What have we here?" inquired the Mayor.

"Assault and battery," answered Chief Wheeler.

The case to engage Mayor Mitchell attention grew out of an effort on the part of an old colored man to check the wayward tendencies of a colored girl. The old man acknowledged that he slapped the girl. Mr. D. G. Brummitt appeared for the old man and made it appear that it was nothing more than a family row. Mayor Mitchell ruled that the old man did wrong in striking the girl and he taxed him to the amount of \$6.95.

## Fair Grounds Will Be Lighted This Year

THE CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY A PUBLIC SPIRITED ENTERPRISE

The Directors of the Fair Association have for several years been making efforts to get the grounds lighted and the past week a committee composed of W. T. Yancey, W. Landis, and A. H. Powell, members of the Executive Committee, went to Raleigh to submit the matter to the Carolina Power & Light Co. The following letter from Mr. H. H. Carr, Vice-President and General Manager, has just been received:

"I have considered your request made by your Committee yesterday regarding the extension of our lighting line to your Fair Grounds, and while, as you know, this is not by any means a self-sustaining extension, yet to meet the folks in Oxford on the ground of public spiritedness, we are going to make this extension for you."

The willingness of the Carolina Power and Light Company to put up a line and install fixtures at the Fair grounds is highly appreciated by the entire community. Their outlay will be about \$300.00 without the hopes of immediate returns, but the fact that they also look forward to an expansion at an early date is in keeping with the best judgement of our business men.

Mr. William Bailey, the local manager of the Carolina Power and Light Company, stated to the Public Ledger that he would have the line to the Fair grounds up in ample time for the Fair in October next.

## THE VIRGINIA WHISKY HOUSES

Liquor to be Sent Out in Lots of Five and Ten Gallons

In conversation with Sheriff Hobgood we learn that he proposes to keep an eye on all suspicious cars and other vehicles for the next ninety days, this in view of the fact that the Virginia Whiskey houses are making great preparations to clear out their stock before November 1st, at which time the Prohibition law in that State goes into effect.

Of course, thousands of gallons of the vile stuff will be carted through Granville county in the guise of respectability, but if they don't look sharp Sheriff Hobgood will and a lot of them.

It is estimated that there are at least 1,000,000 gallons of liquor in Virginia that must be disposed of before November 1. The whiskey houses are now offering special low rates on lots of five and ten gallons and no doubt much of it will be loaded into cars coming down the National Highway, but with Sheriff Hobgood on the lookout they will not get through Granville so readily as the Deutschland passed through the Virginia capes.

### DISEASE AMONG CATTLE.

Doctors Puzzled Over Strange Case In Granville.

Ten days or two weeks ago the fine cow of Mr. A. D. Hughes, on Route 1, was taken sick. The strange disease, whatever it is, made its appearance in the cow's nose. From that point it began to spread. It is stated that a number of doctors from Granville and Vance counties who have seen the cow state that they never saw anything like it before.

The strange disease has spread all over the cow, even to the tip of tail, and as it spread the hair fell off and the flesh became inflamed and burst wide open. The cow seemed to suffer very much and constantly walks around as if in search of a place to lay down, but the flesh being raw she realizes that she must stand up.

The cow maintained a good appetite for the first week, but she would not touch food after that time. The State Veterinarians has been notified of the strange case and he is daily expected to arrive and make an investigation.

Mr. Eugene Crews—everybody knows and admires him—came in from Tarboro this week and will spend a week or ten days at home. Mr. Crews holds an important position with a drug house in Tarboro; but, with that cheery disposition and warm hand that he extends to everybody we scarcely see why it is that he is not a United States Senator.

## TOBACCO

THE WEED IN SOUTH CAROLINA SELLS WELL

The Price is Three Times Higher Than it was on Opening Day Last Year.

Advices received in Oxford forecast what is believed will be one of the best tobacco seasons known in this section for many years. Information in the hands of the Public Ledger shows that in Mullins, S. C., one of the biggest tobacco markets in South Carolina, the average price paid so far this season is far above that for 1915.

On last Tuesday, August 1, the day the market opened there, 220,000 pounds were sold at an average price of \$12.16. Wednesday, the second day, 100,000 pounds sold at an average of \$13.68, and Thursday, 110,000 pounds brought the high figure of \$15.40 on the average.

The news received here was that prices are high and are going higher. It is said that the weed is of a better quality, generally, than was the case a year ago.

The price on the same market one year ago was \$4.50. Thus it will be seen that tobacco is selling three times as high. The price paid on the Oxford market one year ago was \$7.00. Based on the price paid in South Carolina on the opening date this year the price on the Oxford market should be in the neighborhood of \$20.00.

The following summary of prices and conditions is given in Wednesday's Columbia State:

"Opening for the season with bright prospects, the big tobacco markets of the Pee Dee section of South Carolina yesterday began operations for 1916. Something less than a million and a half pounds, according to reports, was sold, the weed bringing very good prices. Prices paid ranged from 4 cents for the lowest grade of 'sand lugs' to the high mark of 60 cents a pound for the best tobacco gathered and cured before the storm which recently swept the Pee Dee section.

Sumpter reported 100,000 pounds sold; Timmonsville, 200,000; Hartsville, 106,000; Darlington, 100,000; Marion, 50,000; Lake City, 224,000; Conway, 125,000; Aynor, 65,000; Loris, 75,000; Mullins, 200,000.

"All signs, according to reports from the tobacco markets, point to a summer of good times in the Pee Dee, with high prices for tobacco making up for the destruction caused by the recent storm."

From Mullins the report says: "The indications are that prices will reach a new record and that even though the crop is short the entire crop will

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## MISS FANNIE WEBB AT HOME

Will Return to New York City After Brief Sojourn

Miss Fannie Webb, the pretty, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, who is an advanced student of the Fine and Applied Art School of New York City, arrived home Sunday and will spend her vacation in Oxford to the delight of her many friends.

It is a well known fact that all true American artists must find their way to New York, and this assertion certainly does fit Miss Webb. She displayed remarkable talent early in life, and three years ago when a mere girl, graduated in art at Meredith College, standing at the head of her class. With the long schooling and systematic training that followed, Miss Webb's ability has been recognized by the authentic critics of American Art.

### PERSISTENT RUMOR.

English Think Deutschland Still In The Bay

NORFOLK.—British authorities here declare that the German submarine Deutschland has not yet actually gone to sea. This claim is based on the fact that the sounding apparatus on the British warship has not detected the submarine passing. It is declared that these devices would have recorded the presence of the submarine if she had been within ten miles of a warship. There is a report in marine circles that the Deutschland is hiding in the bay after having made a dash out of the capes as if going to sea.

## Ten Miles Per Hour Is the Extreme Limit

EACH AND EVERY PERSON VIOLATING ORDINANCE SHALL BE FINED \$5.00

Acting Mayor W. Z. Mitchell is behind the speed law and he is determined that it shall be enforced in Oxford. It may be necessary for him to secure the services of a number of detectives to work with the police to run down some of the speed demons. It will require the use of stop-watches to land a few of those who daily violate the law, but Mayor Mitchell has his own ideas about such things and we are sure that he means to enforce the law.

Naturally there will be general sympathy with the distress of a young woman remorseful over the fact that she, while driving an auto, accidentally killed a cat a few weeks ago. It is all too evident from the superficial facts of the case that a great many inexperienced young people are running machines with all that brave unconcern of youth and that rashness and daring that may be attractive in romances as a matter of temperament, but which are not things particularly to be admired as the totals of preventable deaths from the so-called "unavoidable motor accidents" pile up and prevention does not prevent.

Under the circumstances it would seem to be the counsel of prudence for the authorities to see to it that the license to own a machine does not cover permission to run it when the owners or their representatives in the family, male or female, have not the judgement or the real training that will enable them to surmount the usual emergencies as a trained expert would. Why not have the license to own and the license to run cars mean one thing only, and prevent all unlicensed persons using cars at all?

Human life is too precious to entrust cars in the hands of children and speed demons.

### GOES TO MOCKSVILLE

General B. S. Royster Will Deliver Address Wednesday

Gen. B. S. Royster has accepted an invitation to deliver an address this Wednesday afternoon at the Mocksville Masonic Orphan picnic, one of the biggest annual events in western North Carolina, and which corresponds with St. John's Day celebrated annually at the Oxford Orphanage.

Gen. Royster will leave for Mocksville via Winston-Salem this Tuesday evening and will probably return to Oxford Thursday afternoon.

### AN EYE ON OXFORD

Two Development Agents Here Last Week

Mr. H. T. Prosser, Assistant Development Agent of the Seaboard Railway Company, spent a few hours in Oxford Saturday. He and Mr. Ben W. Parham, secretary of the Granville Commercial Club and otherwise interested in the upbuilding of the community, were closeted together the greater part of the morning. It is understood that Mr. Prosser was very favorably impressed with Oxford and that he made copious notes of his visit.

The visit of Mr. Day, of the Industrial Department of the Southern Railway, and Mr. Prosser, of the Seaboard Railway, last week would seem to imply that the two Railway companies recognize the possibilities of Oxford.

### ADVANCE SHOWING

Perkinson-Green Co., Announce Showing of Coat Suits

The "Quality Stores" will be a very busy place for the next few weeks owing to the fact that the many young ladies of Granville will be preparing to go away to school and, too, this live firm have had a nice assortment of the newest fall coat suits sent out in advance in order that our young ladies may make their purchases before going away. We direct your attention to their ad on last page of this paper.

The men's department of this store is also a busy place, too, they will have "George" here on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week to take measure and orders for handsome tailor-made suits made by the well-known Strouse Brothers at Baltimore. See this ad on page five.

## THE MOSQUITO

INVADE THE PRIVATE OFFICE OF A LEADING CITIZEN

Cesspool Discovered in an Old Cellar and Million of Eggs Destroyed and Their Breeding Place Abolished.

Not until the other day were we aware that such a thing as a mosquito existed in our fair town, but sad to relate that they are here in large numbers. While at work the other day a mosquito invaded the office of Senator A. A. Hicks and punctured his skin. Others in the neighborhood of the court house vouch for the presence of the mosquito. Their presence became so alarming that a delegation went in search of their breeding place, which was finally located on the site of the old burnt building across the alley from the Court House in rear of the Brown building. When the debris of the old building was removed recently the cellar was left exposed to all kinds of weather. It was about four feet deep and partly filled with water, on top of which a green scum one half inch thick has accumulated. There must have been at least a million mosquito eggs on its bosom.

On reaching the cesspool great droves of mosquitoes, as large as the proverbial Jersey mosquito, flew at us with a vengeance and as tough as is the hide of an editor they punctured it with ease. They were strong enough to tare the very skin of an infant, to say nothing of the poison that they might inject into its system.

We are glad to state that the cellar has been filled with fresh dirt and that in the filling millions of mosquito eggs were destroyed. It is well for everyone to look around their premises and see if there is a cesspool or old tin cans which furnish a breeding place for mosquitoes. Neither the fly or the mosquito should find a resting place in Oxford.

### JUDGE DEVIN IN SAMPSON

The Famous Old Swing Has Been Removed

After spending a week at home Judge Devin has gone to Clinton, Sampson county, where he is holding court this week.

It will be remembered that there is a famous old hotel at Clinton, in front of which was a swing. Many Judges have swung to and fro in it, and among the number was Judge Carter. It does appear that he sat in the swing with a lady and swung a little too high, some saying that his feet touched the leaves on the tree. It will be remembered that the incident figured in a legislative investigation, which to our mind was a very amusing incident. The swing has been removed, but that has nothing to do with Judge Devin, only that we can not imagine that the grave Judge would permit his heels to go higher than his head.

### THE ORPHEUM THEATRE

Some of the Good Things Billed for Early Dates

This Tuesday night the final chapter in the "Diamond From the Sky" will be seen at the Orpheum Theatre. It will be seen who gets the diamond, and also who gets the \$10,000 for the best solution of the play. In addition to the "Diamond From the Sky" there will be one chapter of the "Iron Claw."

Coming Thursday, August 10th, "The Beloved Bagabond," featuring Edwin Arden. On the night of August 14th will be Mme. Petrova, the magnificent emotional star. And on the night of August 17th the celebrated drama entitled "At Bay" featuring Florence Reed and Frank Sheridan.

### MISCHIEVOUS CROWS

Destroy Melon Patches in South Granville

Ex-Treasurer E. A. Bobbitt, of Wilton section, tells us that the crows completely ruined his melon patch. As soon as a watermelon is as large as a man's fist the crows light upon it and drill a hole as large as a hen's egg in the top of it. Not a single melon in the patch escape their attention.

Mr. Bobbitt put up "scarecrows," but the crows regarded them as a huge joke. Mr. Bobbitt stretched strings about some of the most promising melons, but the crows managed to invade the netting and accomplish their devilish work.