

**J. M. FARRISH.**

Tobacco Buyer for Liggett & Myres Tobacco Company.  
One of the prominent men in the tobacco business in Oxford is Mr. J.

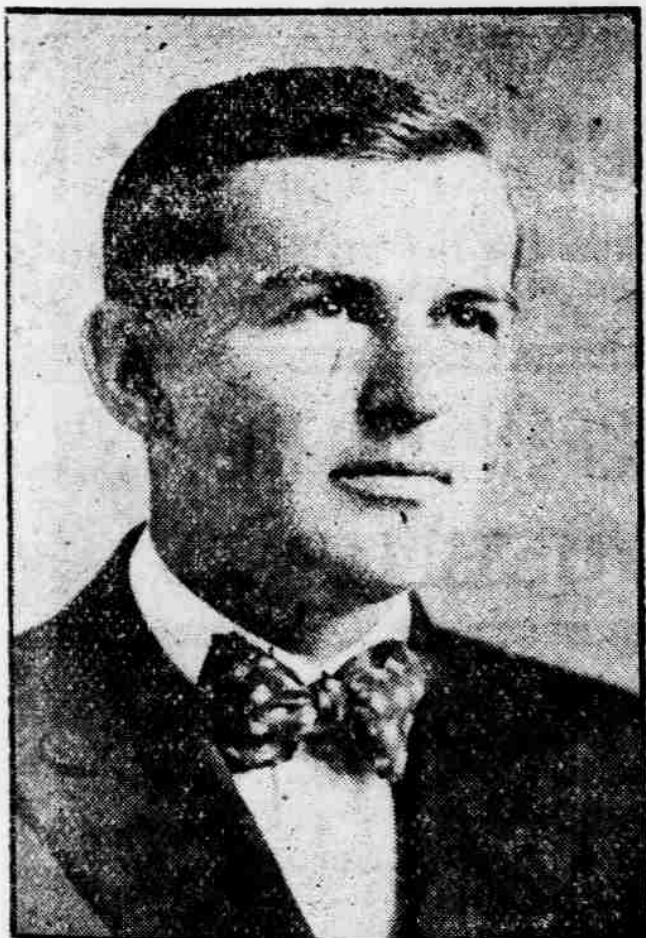


M. Farrish. He is a native of Caswell county, North Carolina, and spent the first few years of his life on the farm in that section of the State. Since leaving the farm he has been in several sections of the country in the interest of the tobacco business in which he has been engaged. He first went to Cuba and bought tobacco there seven years. The three years following his stay in Cuba he was stationed at Tampa, Florida. After leaving Florida he spent several years at different places in North Carolina and Virginia. For the last five years he has been in Oxford and is at present buying for the Liggett & Myres Tobacco Company, he having been with that company since its formation. Mr. Farrish, since his arrival at Oxford five years ago, has won the favor of the business men, the tobacco men especially, and for the last two years has served as the popular president of the Tobacco Board of Trade of this place, he being the successor of Col. W. B. Ballou.

**M. C. TAYLOR**

A Hustling Young Groceryman With Growing Business.

Among the young men who were raised in Oxford and are now actively engaged in business here is Mr. M. C. Taylor. He has made Oxford his home practically all the time since his birth in 1886 and his residence here has made him known as one of the town's progressive young men. Mr. Taylor attended Horner Military School for five years and graduated from that institution in 1904. He then went to Davidson College where he completed his education. After leaving college he came to his home in Oxford and entered business where he has remained until the

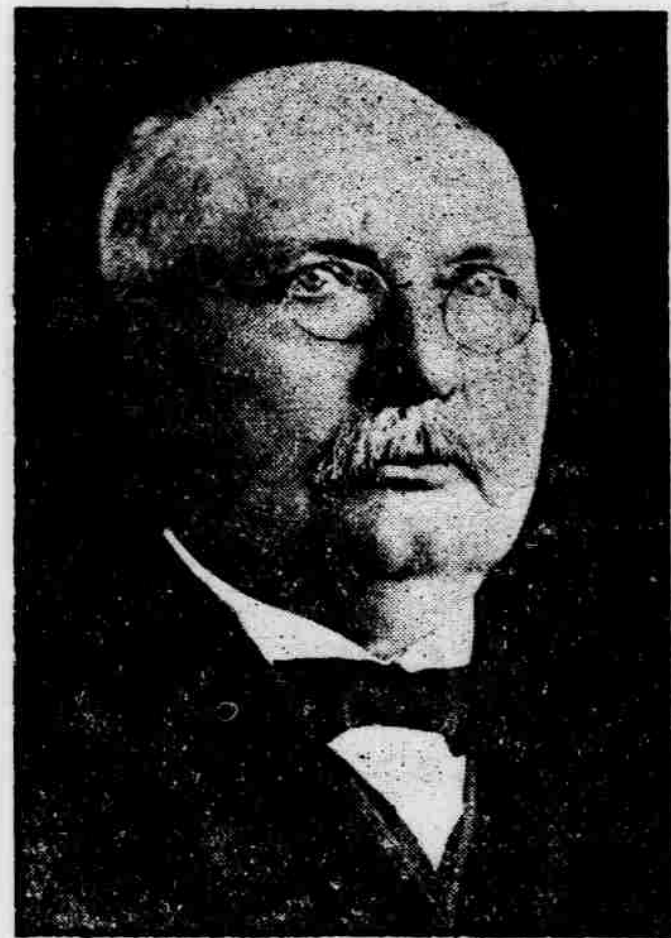


present. During this time he has been in the grocery business and is noted for keeping one of the most sanitary stores of its kind in town. He is the owner of the enterprise although it is run under the name of Taylor Bros. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Granville Grays five years and is at present a member of the Oxford Fire Department to which he has belonged three years.

**L. THOMAS**

A Leading Citizen and Successful Business Man.

Mr. L. Thomas has been one of Oxford's leading citizens for many years, having been occupied in both the newspaper work and the mercantile business during his residence here. He is a native of Bertie county, born there in 1854. Mr. Thomas spent the first few years of his life on the farm in that county, but when a young man he left the farm and since that time has been engaged in different business enterprises. In 1878 he came to Oxford as printer and local editor of the Oxford Torch-Light which at that time was the Granville county paper. Mr. Thomas remained on the staff of that paper for several years after which he entered the mercantile business and for the last twelve years he has been one

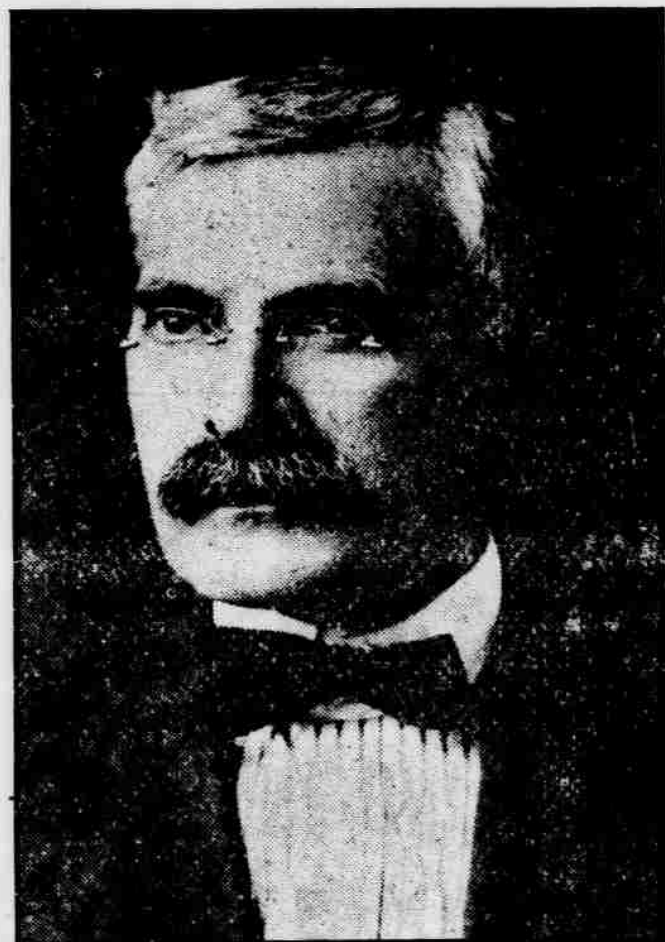


of Oxford's leading and progressive merchants. Mr. Thomas has never sought any public office and as he says never held any except that of overseer of the public road, but he has been one of Oxford's wide-awake citizens, always interested in the things that pertained to the upbuilding of the town.

**J. M. BAIRD**

A Quarter of Century in Mercantile Business in Oxford

Among the men in Oxford who have been in business here a longer time than most of the people is Mr. J. M. Baird. For twenty-five years he has been connected with the mercantile business, his choice work being that of selling hardware. He was born in Granville county in 1868 and lived on the farm until about twenty years old. At this age Mr. Baird



came to Oxford which has been his home ever since. The first ten or twelve years of his stay here was spent in the employment of Mr. J. F. Edwards who was in the hardware business. He then, with Mr. M. P. Chamblee, bought the stock of Mr. Edwards and conducted a business of his own. Mr. Baird continued a member of the firm, Baird & Chamblee, and when a year or two ago the Acme Hardware Co. was organized he remained a member of the company. During his residence in Oxford he has been a successful business man and also a man who has contributed to the progress of the town.

**C. D. RAY.**

A Town Commissioner and Leading Lumber Dealer.

For thirty-two years Mr. C. D. Ray has been one of Oxford's live business men and most progressive citizens. He was born in Franklin county and made it his home until about twenty-one years old. In the meantime he attended the preparatory schools and Wake Forest College, after which he taught school four months and then settled in Oxford where he has lived most of the time since. His first years in Oxford were spent in the tobacco business, serving as book-keeper and assistant buyer for the American Tobacco Co. He then bought tobacco for the same company four years, two years on the Roxboro market and the Kinston market. Mr. Ray returned from Kinston at that time and with several others organized the First National Bank of which he was made vice-

president. Finding the confinement of the position too severe he came out of the bank and went back into the tobacco business. In the meantime he was conducting a lumber business which soon required his full time, therefore he quit the tobacco business and for the last ten years has been operating a lumber yard and also has been a dealer of coal. For the last three years Mr. Ray has been operating the business with his son under the name of C. D. Ray & Son. Mr. Ray is a member of the present board of town commissioners and for a while served as a trustee of the Oxford Graded School.

**WM. BAILEY.**

Local Superintendent Carolina Power & Light Company.

Mr. William Bailey has very recently come to Oxford to superintend the local interests of the Carolina Power & Light Company, but in so

short a while he has made many friends and holds the confidence of all those who know him. He is not a North Carolinian by birth but has spent half of his life in this State. He was born in Micamopy, Florida, where he lived for several years. When ready to enter college he came to North Carolina and took a course in electricity at the A. & M. College at Raleigh. After graduating from that institution he accepted a position with the Carolina Power & Light Co. and has been in its employment ever since. He was first located at Raleigh, then at Goldsboro, and from there went to Cheraw, South Carolina. Last May when Mr. Lee, the former superintendent of the local office, was promoted to Goldsboro, the company promoted Mr. Bailey to the Oxford office, of which he is at present superintendent.

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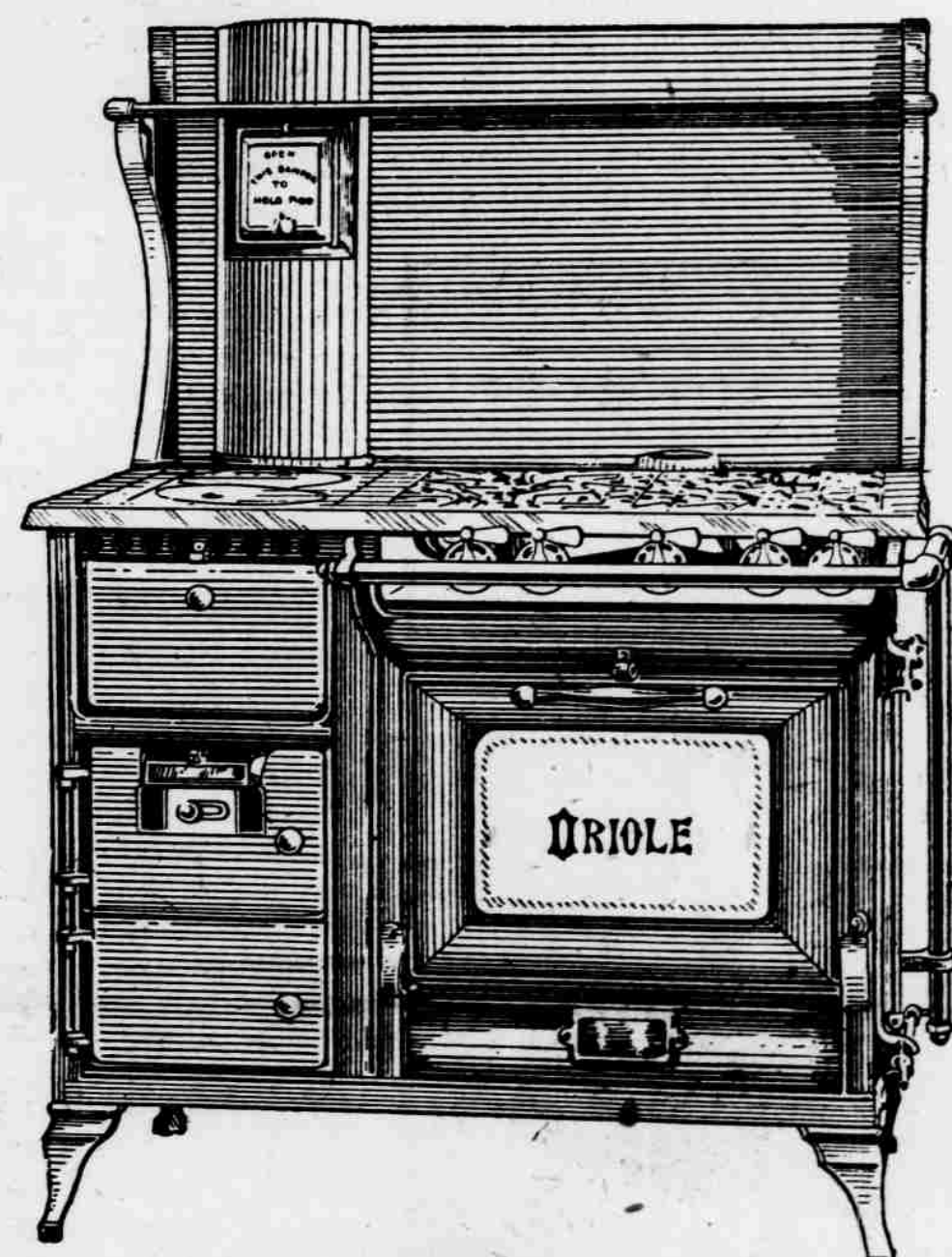
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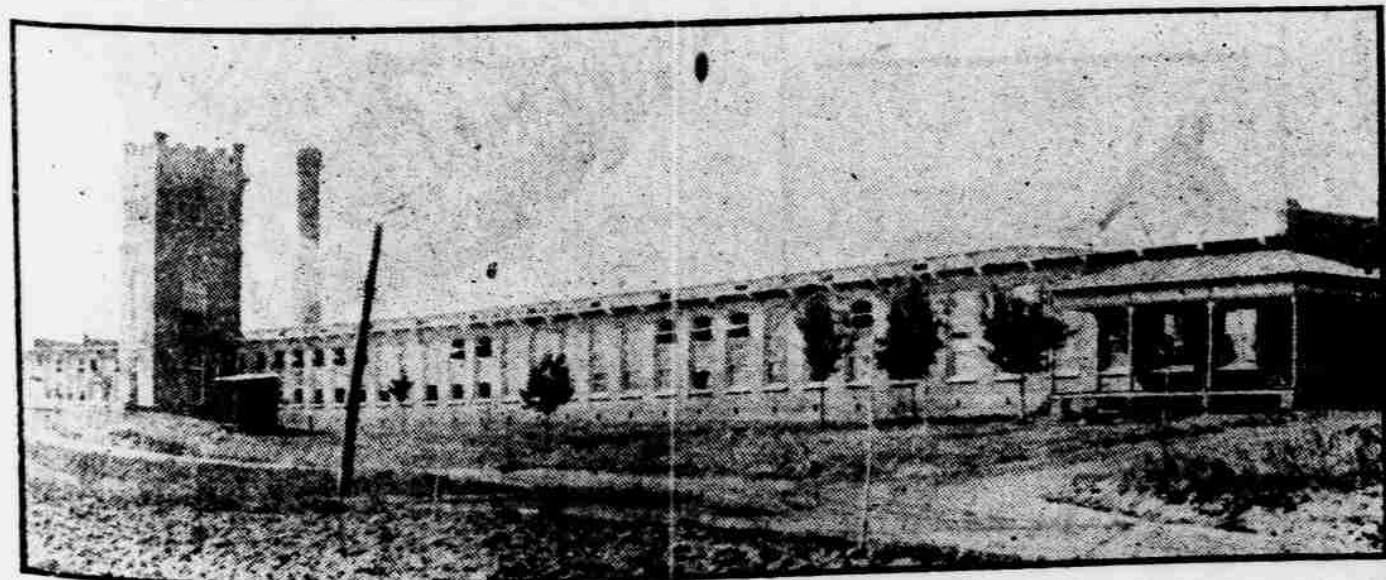
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