

# PUBLIC LEDGER

PUBLISHED SEMI-WEEKLY — TOWN AND COUNTRY OFFERS BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITIES — ALL HOME PRINT

VOLUME XXXI.

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th, 1916

NUMBER 69

## THE SPEED LAW

A LITTLE DOG GETS MIXED UP WITH THE BIG FIRE TRUCK.

Sensational Court Proceedings in Which Justice Ellis Imposes a Fine of One Dollar and Cost—Appeal Noted.

About one year ago the town of Oxford regaled itself with a ponderous firefighting truck, which is propelled by gasoline and under high pressure it will attain a speed of forty miles an hour at the best. The truck was coming down College street one day last week and got mixed up with Dr. T. L. Booth's little dog. The truck managed to plow through the entanglement, but the dog escaped with an injured limb. Dr. Booth took exception to the high rate of speed attained by the motor truck and swore out a warrant against Mr. Fred Peed and Chief Wheeler.

The trial came up Friday, Justice S. V. Ellis presiding. Messrs. T. Lanier and B. K. Lassiter appeared for the plaintiff and Gen Royster for the defendant. The fact that Chief Wheeler is a member of the fire company and was not driving the truck at the time the dog was struck, the charges against him were dismissed and the burden fell upon the shoulders of Mr. Peed, one of the acknowledged drivers for the fire company.

One witness testified to the best of his knowledge and belief that the engine was running forty miles an hour when the little dog bumped into it on College street in the vicinity of the Graded School building. In the opinion of other competent witnesses the truck was not making more than 20 miles an hour. The truck had been previously tested over the identical ground and the best that could be gotten out of it under the most favorable circumstances was an even forty mile clip for one hundred yards down grade.

It was suggested by counsel that if the plaintiff's house was on fire in all probability he would not have objected to the high rate of speed attained by the engine at the time it struck the canine. But there were other elements entering in and the trial proceeded.

An act regulating the use of automobiles in North Carolina, ratified the tenth day of March, 1913, reads as follows:

"Section I. That the term and word 'motor vehicles' used in this act shall be construed to mean all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular power, except traction engines, road rollers, fire wagons, engines, police patrol wagons, ambulances, and such vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks."

Justice Ellis held that inasmuch as the Town Commissioners have not seen fit to exempt fire engines from the general ordinance covering a rate of speed of ten miles in the business section and fifteen miles an hour in the residential section, he imposed a fine of \$1.00 and cost upon Mr. Peed.

General Royster noted an appeal and the case will be heard at the next term of Granville County Superior Court.

It is generally understood all over the country that when a fire engine dashes out of the fire house all vehicles must come to a standstill and give it a wide berth. This applies to practice tests as well as to actual fires. We believe that the fire truck should be exempted from the speed limit and have no doubt that it will be at an early date.

If the people in general would turn their attention to the real speed demons of the community and swear out warrants with a view of clipping their wings they would serve a good purpose. Now that the ice has been broken possibly this will be done.

## FULLER GETS HANDSOME SABER

Men of Company E, Third Infantry, Take Their Captain by Surprise

A handsomely engraved saber was presented to Capt. E. E. Fuller, of Company E, third infantry last week at Camp Glenn by Capt. T. G. Stem in behalf of the members of his company, the Granville Grays. Inscribed on the sword was the following: "Presented to Capt. E. E. Fuller by the members of the Granville Grays, company E, third infantry N. C. N. G., August 25, 1916. His heart is pure gold." The sword came as a great surprise to Captain Fuller who deeply appreciated it.

## Women's Clubs Planning Busy Season

THE WORK IS INDORSED BY THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF OXFORD

The women's clubs of North Carolina are planning a busy season this next winter. The literary sections in particular are trying to do some real work. Already registration has begun in the club study courses offered by the University through its Correspondence Study Division.

These courses are offered at a nominal price and cover a period of work on Barovning, or Nineteenth Century Literature, and on Latin America. Outlines and study suggestions go with the course, while the work is carefully supervised by direction from the faculty. The work is indorsed by both Mrs. Lingle and Miss Windley, and has been enthusiastically received by club members throughout the state.

The announcement of the plans of the several energetic and prosperous women's clubs of the State the coming season is of more than fugitive interest. Their continuing prosperity, their increase in numbers and their waxing influence have shown that they effectually discharge their mission of culture and personal inspiration. If mankind is not to live by bread alone the varied appeal of a wide range of intellectual pursuits is not to be ignored. Oxford women in the study and practice of music and the cognate arts, of civic and economic issues, of horticulture and of diversified philanthropy, of politics and the problems of adequate national forewarning and forearming, have not neglected their homes nor forsown domesticity. The continuity of effort and the clearly defined system which the plans of the season assure to the members of these organizations will enable them to do more collectively than sporadic individual effort could hope to compass. The woman's club is no longer a means of escape from household drudgery, a refuge from the exactions and worries of children and servants. It is a valued stimulus to the life of the spirit, a quickening force and a potent auxiliary in public education.

## RECOGNIZES A GOOD THING

Raleigh Business Man Compliments the Citizens of Oxford

Editor Public Ledger:

I want to congratulate you on the appearance of your special edition of the Public Ledger. It not only reflects credit on the publishers, but on the live business men in Oxford who have so liberally patronized it and made it possible to get out such a large and handsome paper as this special edition of the Public Ledger. I believe the advertisers will be amply repaid for their support in this enterprise. It will go far to show that Oxford has a large class of live business men within its borders who can serve their customers.

C. B. EDWARDS.

## THE KINSTON MARKET

Ninety Thousand Pounds Averaged 21 Cents.

(Daily Free Press—23rd)

Today's sales on the local tobacco market were a few thousand pounds heavier than Tuesday's, totaling 90,790. The quality was about the same. Prices were a shade better, however, and the average was about 21 cents. The tendency to increase a little was evident, and the prices were by a fraction the best of the week. A fair break is expected again tomorrow. Sales of from 100,000 to 200,000 pounds are looked for next week.

## OXFORD NEEDS A HOSPITAL

We Have the Skill and the Brains But Lacking in Organization

Inasmuch as we are unable to get together and establish a hospital in Oxford to take care of the sick, possibly we can equip one to carry on research work that will prevent sickness. This is the age of trying to find out causes, and the medical profession throughout the world are stumbling around in the dark endeavoring to discover what is the root of infantile paralysis. The doctors in our home town are quite as learned in the medical profession as those in the large cities and we should like to see them equipped to handle the thousand of patients that knock at our own door.

## BOARD OF TRADE

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPENING DATE OF TOBACCO MARKET

Farmers of Granville and Adjoining Counties Invited to Sell Their Tobacco on the Oxford Market.

Editor Public Ledger:

We beg to announce through the valuable columns of your splendid paper the opening date of the Oxford Tobacco Market, which has been decided by mutual agreement of the Board of Trade for Tuesday, September 5th, 1916.

We cordially invite the farmers of Granville and adjoining counties to sell their tobacco on the Oxford market, knowing that they can realize as high prices as any market in the State.

The Warehousemen and buyers are anxiously awaiting the opening date and we anticipate seeing a large opening.

Yours very truly,  
OXFORD TOBACCO BOARD TRADE  
J. M. FARRISH, President.

## COL. JOHN T. BRITT WRITES

Commends the Special Edition of the Public Ledger

We appreciate the following letter, coming as it does from Col. John T. Britt, founder and for more than twenty-eight years editor of the Public Ledger. Bro. Britt writes under Washington date August 28th as follows:

Bro. Coble—We have just received the Industrial and Booster Edition of the "dear old Public Ledger" and it filled our heart with both pride and pleasure to read its vast contents, which speaks well and enthusiastically of the prosperity of Oxford and of her splendid business men and other class of citizens that cannot be surpassed in the State. The Booster Edition is one of the cleanest and best we have seen issued in the State and we extend to you and co-workers our warmest congratulations and feel sure we voice the sentiment of every reader of the Public Ledger. It will prove of untold benefit to Oxford and Granville county in the future as we believe it will cause the good farmers of Granville to take more interest in their county town, and extend to Oxford's splendid business men and warehousemen their patronage which they certainly deserve.

Sincerely yours,  
J. T. BRITT.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

Dr. Stanford, of Hickory, Is Assisting in Meeting

Impressive revival services are in progress at the Oxford Methodist church. Dr. Stanford, of Hickory, will arrive this Tuesday and assist Dr. Willis throughout the meeting. There will be preaching every morning at ten o'clock and eight o'clock at night.

## MR. CALDWELL COMING HOME

Will Arrive at Carolina Lodge in September

The people of Granville county will be pleased to learn that Mr. B. M. Caldwell, president of the Granville County Fair Association, who is resting at Wheeling, West Virginia, is much improved in health. He will probably reach Carolina Lodge the first week in September and will be present each of the three days of the County Fair.

## PLANNING FINE PROGRAM

Culbreth Betterment Club Will Meet Saturday Night

The Betterment Club of Culbreth will hold a meeting next Saturday night. The club is planning to have a nice program and they cordially invite everybody to attend.

## SURL NEWS NOTES

Person County Farmers Are Coming to Oxford.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

You can put it in your pipe and smoke it that the farmers in the Surl section will be in Oxford on the opening of the market, Tuesday, September 5th. Much of the tobacco is of good color and the farmers are anticipating good prices for it.

Mr. H. C. Fogleman, who ran a store at Center Grove, died on August 16, in the 73rd year of his age. He was an excellent man and leaves a devoted wife and six children.

## Our Streets Saturday Afternoon

LOOKING IN FOUR DIRECTIONS FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN

Last Saturday afternoon at five o'clock we took our stand at the corner of Hillsboro and College streets and counted the people visible on the streets at that hour.

There were forty-one people on College street between the Methodist church and Hillsboro street, a distance of one square. Of these there were twenty-four white and seventeen colored. On this square there were eight automobiles, six of them being forcars.

Looking east and west on Hillsboro street between the Exchange Hotel and the Oxford Buggy Company, a distance of two squares we counted sixty-three people and ten automobiles.

Taking our stand in front of the National Bank of Granville and looking south along Main street we counted fifty-six people and nineteen automobiles in a distance of two squares. The scene will change in a very few weeks and one can count hundreds of farmers and wagons, the bulwark of the county.

## AN INTERESTING AUTO TRIP

Miss Mary Webb Returns From Niagara Falls, Delaware Water Gap and Atlantic City

Three or four weeks ago Miss Mary Webb joined a touring party in Greensboro, consisting of Prof. Wade R. Brown, Musical Director of the State Normal College, Mrs. Brown and Miss Clair Henly. The trip, covering more than two thousand miles, took them through the picturesque Shenandoah Valley, along the shore of Lake Erie to Buffalo and to Niagara Falls and down through New York and Pennsylvania to the famous Delaware Water Gap and through New Jersey to Atlantic City.

The trip was planned for pleasure and was made by easy stages in Prof. Brown's splendid car. Miss Webb speaks in glowing terms of the trip, the marked courtesy shown her party on every hand and the splendid roads in the North.

While traveling along the Lincoln Highway, Miss Webb's party observed a touring car from Florida. The two parties saw much of each other and a pleasant acquaintance was formed, and Miss Webb asked the Florida tourists what route they took across the State of North Carolina and she was informed that they followed the National Highway.

"Do you remember passing through Oxford?" enquired Miss Webb.

"Oh yes, we do, the pretty town near the Virginia State line," came the answer.

Prof. Brown, Mrs. Brown and Miss Henly with Miss Webb arrived in Oxford Saturday evening and were the guests of Miss Webb over Sunday.

## GRADED SCHOOL

Examinations at School Building on Thursday Morning

The regulations printed some time ago in regard to promotions in the Graded Schools require all conditions removed before the opening of the schools on next Monday, September 4th. At that time it was also stated that examinations would be given during the week before the opening, at the Graded School building.

These examinations will be given on Thursday morning of this week and every pupil who has any condition is requested to be at the building by nine o'clock. The work will be under the direction of the Superintendent and any of the teachers he may see fit to call upon.

Please remember that all conditions must be removed before promotion is granted.

A pupil has the right to remove as many as two conditions and be promoted. If a pupil has more than two full conditions, promotion is not granted. This is a fair standard and must be observed by all. Each parent is asked to help carry it out because it is best for the child not to be pushed along unprepared for the work.

G. B. PHILLIPS, Superintendent.

## "Hazel Kirk"

Coming to the Orpheum Theatre, Thursday night Miss Pearl White in "Hazel Kirk."

## IN THE BALANCE

CONGRESS WILL PASS MEASURE REQUIRING OBSERVANCE OF EIGHT HOUR DAY.

President May Go Before Congress on Railway Issue; Communicates to Administration Leaders Demand of Executives; Make Visit to Capitol to Discuss Situation; Crisis Believed to Exist.

WASHINGTON—After laboring for more than a week, President Wilson, as a last resort to prevent the threatened railway strike, Saturday inaugurated plans to force through congress immediately a law requiring observance of the eight-hour day.

The unexpected and sensational trip of President Wilson to the capitol Saturday afternoon threw the railroad executives into a panic and they immediately adjourned their session at the Willard Hotel to find out what had happened.

The president, when he went to the capitol, was closeted with Senator Newlands and Senator Kern, the majority leader, for more than half an hour. When the president left the conference all he would say was: "All I can say is that I came up here on matters pertaining to legislation."

Both Senator Kern and Senator Newlands were uncommunicative. They expressed the opinion to the president, it was learned, that his wishes with respect to new legislation could be carried out this session. Immediately after the president left the capitol the democratic steering committee was called into session. Later, it is understood, Senator Newlands informed the whitehouse that the committee was ready to act and Secretary of the Interior Lane visited the white house for a secret conference.

Mr. Lane went into conference later with the sub-committee of railroad executives at the headquarters of the railroad chiefs in the Willard hotel. Following this meeting it was

(Continued On Page Eight)

## RETURNS FROM ASBURY PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter Enjoy an Outing

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lassiter and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Powell returned Saturday from Asbury Park, Long Branch and other pleasure resorts along the New Jersey coast. The greater part of the trip was made in Mr. Lassiter's touring car.

"We passed through many towns and cities" said Mr. Powell, "but we saw nothing that would compare with the beautiful streets of our own town."

## VISITING IN SILER CITY

Entertained in Honor of Two Oxford Young Ladies.

(Siler City Grit)

Misses Dorothy Royster and Hixie White, of Oxford, arrived Thursday for a ten day visit with Misses Grace Boling and Marguerite Jenkins, respectively.

These popular young hostesses and their visitors, accompanied by Miss Ruth Edwards and Minerva Jenkins, are spending the week end at Mount Vernon Springs.

Thursday evening Miss Ruth Edwards was the recipient of a very informal storm party by a dozen of the young people of the town, given complementary to these visiting young ladies.

## WILSON AND BICKETT CLUBS

Every Community Should Have Its Campaign Club

The time is now seasonable and propitious for the organization of Wilson and Bickett campaign clubs—the more the better. Smithfield formed such a club in great shape last week, and scores of county seats and other towns should get into the club procession without delay. Every live community should have its campaign club—and it's time to shape up the organization right now.

## Judge Devin Names Tilley

Judge Devin has appointed Mr. E. I. Tilley Clerk of the Superior Court in Durham county to succeed the late Caleb Green, who died recently after many years in office.

Miss Annie J. Hamme will open her school of music September 4th. Studio at the residence of Mrs. Annie H. Landis, College street, Oxford, N. C.