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## A HANDSOME BROCHURE

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF OXFORD ISSUES YEAR BOOK

"The Object Shall Be to Work For All That Pertains to Culture, Beauty, Citizenship and Law."

In looking over the neat twenty-page brochure issued by the Woman's Club of Oxford we find many things that interest us. In Article II of Constitution governing the club we find that: "The object of the club shall be to work for all that pertains to culture, health, beauty, citizenship and law." That establishes the club on a broad foundation. We turn to page fifteen and find this quotation: "We shall so live and labor in our time that what comes to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and what comes to us as blossom, may go to them as fruit—this is progress."

The brochure carries the names of the members of the club, and we count an even one hundred of the most progressive ladies of Oxford on the membership roll. The club is sub-divided into eight departments, as follows:

(1) Civic. (2) Health. (3) Literature and Library Extension. (4) Music. (5) Garden and Forestry. (6) Home Economics. (7) Social Service—Kings Daughters. Flower—Chrysanthemum.

The present officers of the club are: Mrs. John Webb, president; Mrs. B. K. Lassiter, first vice-president; Mrs. W. B. Ballou, second vice-president; Mrs. N. H. Cannady, secretary; Mrs. H. O. Furman, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Robards, auditor. The delegates to the State Federation are: Mesdames A. H. Powell, Armistead Capehart, S. H. Brown and Miss Mary G. Shotwell.

We find among the many noble things the club accomplished during the past year was a sanitary survey of all the places where food is sold, and had changes made where necessary; conducted a clean up week in Oxford; recommended to the State Federation a plan to erect a children's pavilion at Montrose and pledged \$100 to the beginning of the fund for the same; gave free concerts, two musicals and furnished music at all department and public meetings. The club observed Arbor Day, Baby Week, Mothers' Day, Reciprocity Day and held a Chrysanthemum show and a garden mart. They visited the sick and gave money, food, wood and clothes to poor and sick, and assisted in paying hospital expenses for several patients. The brochure contains a program of the work laid out by the club for the coming winter and spring months.

## BIG BOX OF CLOTHING

The King's Daughters Will Make Shipment.

We learn from Mrs. Elliott that the efforts of the King's Daughters to alleviate suffering this winter in the flooded district of the State met with a hearty response in Oxford.

As soon as the appeal of the Kings Daughters was heard, the good people of the community began to look over their wardrobe to see what they could spare that would be of benefit to those less fortunate. Asked as to the quality of the contribution, Mrs. Elliott replied that "It is remarkable how much one can spare when the heart has been touched in the right place." Two boxes, about forty inches square, she said, were secured and one of these was packed and ready for shipment Tuesday. The other box, states Mrs. Elliott, is nearly full and she will keep it open a day or two longer to accommodate any clothing that may be sent in.

## FINE ORPHAN BOY

Robert Daniel Graduates at the Keyboard.

Robert Daniel, a sixteen-year-old boy, who entered the Oxford Orphanage some years ago and later assigned to the printing department, has graduated at the linotype keyboard and has accepted a steady position with the printing department in which he learned his trade. The twelve or fifteen thousand subscribers of the Orphan's Friend see his handiwork throughout the publication every week. Robert is now in a position to command fine wages in any one of the large cities he may elect, but the Orphanage seems like home to him and he prefers to remain "under the parental roof."

## THE CHAUTAUQUA

First Performance Will Take Place Tuesday Afternoon

The Chautauqua people will arrive in Oxford early next Tuesday morning and get everything in readiness for the initial performance that afternoon. The management of the Orpheum Theatre states that the price of tickets for the whole series will be advanced after Monday.

## Big Demand For Male Stenographers

EXAMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING HELD ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

The government seems to have difficulty in securing male stenographers. A recent circular states that nearly 200 appointments are soon to be made. To get them, examinations will have to be held all over the country, September 12 to 26. But while applicants for other civil service appointments are sleeping on the doorsteps of their Congressmen no rush candidates for this position is expected. What has become of the male stenographer?

Newspaper reporters are asked almost every day if they are familiar with shorthand. This is because the public conceives of a reporter as spending much of his time in taking down long reports of speeches. In actual practice the reporter soon finds that he can get down in long hand four times as much as his paper will print. Few men in this business ever find it worth their while to acquire stenography.

In mercantile and manufacturing lines few fellows consider it of any large use. To an ambitious man knowledge of shorthand might even prove a detriment. It would tend to keep him at merely clerical work when he ought to be out getting his hands dirty while he was learning processes and materials.

Probably the government, like private enterprises, will have to depend more and more on women for stenography. The limitations that custom still throws about women's work makes this field particularly popular. There are many capable girls who would like to plunge into the heart of a business in overalls and jumpers like their brothers. But society would be shocked. They are not yet ready to defy society.

So the girls will undoubtedly monopolize this field, or nearly so. They will crowd it too full, thus keeping down the rates of payment. This drives out of the business the men who expect to support a family. No wonder Uncle Sam must ransack the country to find his 200 expert shorthand men.

## GO-TO-SUNDAY-SCHOOL-DAY

Fine Program for Next Sunday Morning at Baptist Church

The annual State-wide Go-to-Sunday-School-Day will be observed at the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, September 24th. A very attractive program has been arranged by the committee on program, which is as follows:

Song.....By the School Prayer.....By Primary Class Song.....By Children Class Exercises.....By the Children Song.....Mrs. Davidson Address.....State Missions Mr. A. A. Hicks Double Quartette.....Address—Why Church Members Should go to Sunday School Gen. B. S. Royster Song.....Prayer.....Come, and get others to come with you. C. D. RAY, Supt., First Baptist Sunday School.

## DISCOURAGED FARMERS

Tobacco Wilt Causes Considerable Anxiety.

This is not the kind of news the Public Ledger likes to print, but we trust that it is not so bad as it appears. We have heard several times lately that there is a small section of the county in which the wilt is giving the tobacco growers much concern. It is stated that quite a number of them are greatly discouraged and will probably go elsewhere and settle. We trust that the conditions are not such as to cause any farmer to leave Granville.

## THE QUALITY STORE

Perkinson-Green Company's Extraordinary Showing.

The handsome stock of goods carried by the Perkinson-Green Company is worthy of special comment. This well known firm has purchased largely of the best goods and it is a great pleasure to visit the various departments of the establishment, and note the many articles that attract one's attention. Elsewhere in this paper will be seen the extraordinary announcement of the "Quality Store."

## HOLD SONG SERVICE

Baraca-Philathea Classes Visit Home of Aged and Infirm

On Sunday afternoon last the Methodist Baraca and Philathea Classes, to the number of 60 or 75, visited the County Home and held an interesting song service. Capt. Woodworth made an interesting talk. The inmates greatly enjoyed the services.

## BIG MEAT HOUSE

MR. GREER LAYS PROPOSITION BEFORE THE BUSINESS MEN

Strong Committee Now at Work and the Prospects of Establishing a Meat Packing Plant Here is Very Encouraging.

At a meeting of the citizens of Oxford held in the Court House Thursday morning, Mr. John W. Greer, of Moultrie, Ga., by undisputed facts and figures proved to the satisfaction of every one present that a meat packing plant in Oxford would be a great success from the very start. He explained every phase of the business and at the conclusion of his address he was plied with questions.

The first thing you need, said Mr. Greer, is the plant, and as a consequence everything will be added to it. "I will vouch for the farmers of your surrounding country to furnish the hogs and the cattle," said Mr. Greer.

"You can raise hogs and cattle much cheaper here than in the West, and I predict that within a very few years the North and the West will look to the South for their supply of meat," declared Mr. Greer. He stated that it costs four and five cents in the West to raise pork, while it can be raised in the South for three and four cents. He spoke of the vast sums of money the State of North Carolina and the whole South sends to Chicago every year for meat. "You are not only sending money out of the State but you are paying freight on an article that can be produced in your own midst," said the speaker.

Mr. Greer stands flatfooted with the farmer. He told the business men that they must help him to contribute to the growth and prosperity of the county; that they must provide him with a market for everything he raises on the farm. He pointed out the fact that as soon as there is a meat packing plant here everything the farmer raises will find a ready market; that the farmers will necessarily diversify their crops to raise hogs and cattle and that the market every day in the year is steady—no fluctuation or glut—that the cash is ready at the meat packing plants to be paid out every working day in the year; that the farmers know the price to be paid before he leaves home and he never returns home with the hogs or cattle.

Mr. Greer recommended that we start off here with a plant capable of taking care of 15,000 hogs and 6,000 cattle annually. Such a plant, he said, would employ about sixty men most of the year. He has established nine plants in the South during the last five years. The one at Moultrie, Ga., handles 100,000 hogs annually and they pay out \$3,000,000. He is working with a view of establishing 100 plants throughout the South and has had his eye on this section of the State for several years.

Such a thing as a mortgage is not known in a county as soon as the farmers begin to raise hogs and cattle, said Mr. Greer. Meat packing plants, observed the speaker, lifts the drudgery from the shoulders of the farm women and sends the children to schools; that the farmers can make three times as much money by raising meat and work one-half as long, if he goes at it in a systematic way.

General Royster presided over the meeting. He asked Dr. Morris if he wished to say a word. Dr. Morris spoke of the great distress the tobacco wilt is causing in the county and he regarded the establishment of meat packing plant in Oxford as a bright ray of hope. He urged the business men to create a market for all the farmers produce. He felt sure that the farmers would turn to raising hogs and cattle if the plant is established here.

General Royster, chairman of the meeting, named the following committee to confer and get things in shape: Messrs. C. D. Ray, chairman, B. K. Lassiter, T. G. Curran, P. W. Knott, J. A. Morris, M. P. Chamblee, A. A. Hicks.

After a brief consultation the above committee recommended that a meeting be held in the Court House at 7:30 so as to enable the business men of Oxford who were not present in the forenoon to hear Mr. Greer outline the general plans of conducting a meat packing plant. This committee was discontinued.

## The Night Meeting

The crowd that gathered for the evening meeting indicated a healthy sentiment in favor of erecting the plant. There were a number of farmers present and Mr. Greer again presented an array of interesting facts and figures. In the general discussion that followed several of our most prominent citizens expressed

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## To Beautify Elmwood Cemetery

CEMETERY COMMITTEE HAS PLANS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Everybody who visits Elmwood Cemetery is impressed with the fact that the sacred grounds needs additional care.

Do you want our cemetery kept better and are you, as a lot owner, willing to co-operate with the Board of Town Commissioners in employing a permanent cemetery keeper? If so, please write or speak to either Messrs. W. T. Yancey, W. Z. Mitchell or A. H. Powell, Cemetery Committee, at once.

Everybody will admit that nature has done much to beautify Elmwood Cemetery, but nature cannot do it all—the grounds has a neglected appearance and nature must be assisted.

The Public Ledger is indeed glad to know that the Cemetery Committee has often visited the sacred grounds and conferred with each other as to what should be done. It seems to us, too, that God's Acre should have perpetual care. We will venture a step further than the committee and recommend that the avenue leading to Elmwood Cemetery should be put in better condition. The assertion that we give too little attention to our sacred grounds applies with equal force to many places in Granville and elsewhere.

## BION BUTLER TALKS

Mr. A. H. Powell Tells of Oxford Accomplishments

We learn from the Henderson Daily Dispatch that Board of Trade stock bounded upward to a new high record last Monday night under the pressure of the booster address by Bion H. Butler, of Southern Pines, who, by invitation, spoke before the newly established organization of Henderson business men.

Added inspiration and strength were imparted to the infant trade council by the narrative of the accomplishments of the Granville Commercial Club, as related by A. H. Powell, of Oxford, who was present by invitation to tell of what had actually been done in Oxford.

## A Prediction

Mr. Butler's address was more in the nature of an informal discussion of the things a Board of Trade can do. In fact, his subject was "The Field of the Board of Trade." The prevailing opinion was that he covered the field well and profitably. He told of how he first found North Carolina, and how he came to settle here to make his home after wandering over almost the whole face of the globe, at least that part that faces outward from the soil known as the United States, to find a climate that would be suitable. He liked North Carolina best of all, he said, and settled here because "it had more things in its favor and fewer things against it than any other spot on the globe." He wanted a place to keep warm, and found it in the Old North State.

Mr. Butler predicted that Henderson is to become one of the thriving smaller manufacturing cities of the country, and by that he did not mean a community of 5,000 or 10,000 persons, but 20,000 or 25,000 or possibly 40,000 or even more. "You have everything here for the making of prosperous conditions," he declared, and said one of the healthiest signs was the fact that most of it was financed by local capital.

## Mr. Powell Tells of Oxford

Mr. Powell, in telling of what the Granville Commercial Club has done, said that it had brought the business interests of the community together, and was responsible for the formation of a community spirit such as was not possible before. The county fair was a child of the club he said, and much of what had been done in the way of public health was accredited to the organization. The business men also had fostered the good roads spirit, and had come into closer co-operation for the town's good than ever before.

Among the business men of Oxford in attendance upon the meeting were Messrs. A. H. Powell, C. D. Ray, J. F. Webb, and Ben Parham.

## COMMOTION ON BROAD STREET

Ladies Frightened to Their Wit's End.

One of the well known business men of Oxford arrived at his home on Broad street an hour late one evening this week and found his wife and two or three lady visitors standing on the bed in each others embrace, dejected and terror-stricken. "What in the world is the trouble?" inquired the belated man of the house. "And why is supper not ready?"

"There is a rat in this very room," answered the lady of the house, "and how in the world do you think anyone could get supper when there is a mouse running around the room?"

## OUR PASSENGER STATION

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FEELS ENCOURAGED

Better Facilities at Both the Southern and Seaboard Station is a Question of Only a Few Months.

The special committee appointed by the Granville Commercial Club sometime ago to advise with the railway authorities with a view of securing better passenger facilities in Oxford feel somewhat encouraged in their work. The Southern Railway authorities have practically agreed to give us something nice. They acknowledged to the Committee that no town can prosper unless the railroad facilities are ample, and they led the committee to believe that they will spend some money here to meet the demands of the times.

The committee has not as yet been able to secure from the Seaboard authorities anything that holds out encouragement beyond the fact that they will consider the matter later. They claim that they are not able to handle the question this year. It is generally understood that the Seaboard at the beginning of each year set aside a certain sum of money to make certain improvements along their line during the year. The special committee from the Commercial Club will endeavor to try to get the Seaboard to include Oxford in their list of improvements next January.

The special committee appreciate the views of the Southern authorities and they hope that the Seaboard officials will see that it is to their interest to spend some money in Oxford.

It is entirely within the power of the railroads entering here to keep Oxford in the background or send her forward with a bound. They can spend a few thousand dollars here in the way of permanent improvements to better advantage than at many other places where they have made substantial improvements.

## FORMER PASTOR HERE

Dr. A. P. Tyer Spending a Few Days in Oxford.

Dr. A. P. Tyer, former pastor of the Oxford Methodist church, is in Oxford a few days shaking hands with his many friends. Dr. Tyer remained with us four years and when his time expired last fall the Bishop sent him to Selma. All the Baptists, Episcopalians and Presbyterians wanted him to remain here, but the good Methodist brethren have a way of doing business and the vote of the other denominations didn't count.

Dr. Tyer is looking good and strong. He has a very fine charge at Selma. Everybody in Oxford has a tender place in their heart for the good old faithful servant of the Lord.

## ON TO THE BORDER

The Granville Grays Will Move Next Week.

The people of North Carolina take pride in the knowledge that their soldier boys are going to the border with the reputation of being among the best disciplined, best drilled and most soldierly of the Guardsmen who will do duty there, and they know that the Old North State will be well represented. The Public Ledger wishes the soldiers God-speed, a safe journey, a pleasant stay on the faraway border, and the consciousness of duty well done when they come marching home "with their banners so gay." And especially here's to the gallant Granville Grays, Company E, Third Regiment.

## AUTO CRASH AT HENDERSON

Miss Lucy Bullock and Frank Morton Lose Lives When Train Hits Car.

Miss Lucy Bullock, of Drewry, Warren county, and Frank Morton, of Townesville, were instantly killed Thursday night at 8 o'clock on the Durham and Northern's tracks in Henderson when a switch engine drove a box car into the seven-passenger automobile in which they were riding.

## Fire Alarm

The fire bell sounded about the noon hour Thursday and the firemen hastened to the residence of Col. Henry G. Cooper to find that the roof of his kitchen was ablaze. The damage was not great.

## THE TOBACCO MARKET

Price Generally is Considered Very Good For Quality of Tobacco Offered.

By selling a fraction more than a 100,000 pounds a day during the past six days, at an average price close to 22 cents the market has experienced the best week of the season, and when everything is taken into consideration, it might be said that it was the best in a long time.