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THE THANKSGIVING BIRD

OXFORD PEOPLE COMPUTING PROBABLE COST OF THANKSGIVING DINNER.

There are Very Few of the Birds Here and Prices are High—Some Hunters May Bag Wild Specimens.

Now that President Wilson has issued his formal proclamation designating Thursday, November 30, as Thanksgiving day, and calling on the American people for a general observance of the institution, Oxford folks are beginning to make plans for the event. If one were asked to mention a word which is most frequently linked with Thanksgiving, it is practically certain that the answer would be "turkey." Just as Thanksgiving is essentially an American institution, so the turkey is considered an American bird and many people feel that Thanksgiving without turkey would be as bad as well, as bad as cider without the sparkle.

At present very few turkeys have arrived in Oxford and judging from present indications they will be rather hard to obtain for the annual Thanksgiving dinner. The price of this choice meat is also rather high. One Oxford merchant yesterday quoted turkeys at twenty-two and one-half cents on foot, while he asked thirty cents a pound for the dressed birds. Yet in all fairness, it must be said that when the price of bacon, sausage and other commodities is considered, the price for turkeys does not appear unreasonable. There has been a general advancement of prices on many food products and some people will probably pay the price asked for turkeys without hesitation.

In computing the probable cost of a Thanksgiving dinner where the menu is graced with such items as turkeys, cranberry sauce and fruit cake, it is found that a considerable sum of money will be required. Fruit cake is being sold at prices ranging from twenty-five to thirty cents a pound, these prices applying to genuine fruit cake. Less desirable grades may be purchased for twenty cents a pound. Cranberries now retail at fifteen cents a quart.

Of course Mr. Will Long and probably other crack shots will venture forth with guns and dogs in search of wild turkeys, yet the number of these birds that will be secured by the hunters is very negligible.

We are told that quite a number of people in Granville regard the "possum" as appropriate for the Thanksgiving table. But "possum" is not turkey. There is something in the turkey that seems to go hand in hand with patriotism on Thanksgiving Day.

DE RUE'S MINSTRELS PLEASE

Good Singing and Dancing; Clever Specialties and a Fine Band (From Coshocton Daily Eagle)

De Rue's Minstrels at the Sixth street theatre Monday evening entertained a good sized crowd, who thoroughly enjoyed the singing of a creditable quartette, the eccentric dancing of Bert Allen and a monolog by Billy De Rue. The comedy acrobats and Russian dancers were especially well received, and the band, which was considered by many to be the best which has been in the city for some time, gave two good concerts, in the afternoon and evening.

At the Orpheum Theatre Wednesday, November 29th.

HANDSOME BUSINESS BUILDINGS

Will Be Ready For Occupancy February 1st

Mr. Leo E. Byrum has secured the contract to erect a building on the site of the old building formerly occupied by the Oxford Jewelry Company, adjoining the National Bank of Granville. The front of this building will correspond in design with the Hall building, but buff brick will adorn the front of the Jewelry building and the front of the Hall building will be of red pressed brick. Both buildings will go up at the same time and the contractor hopes to have them ready for occupancy February first, weather permitting.

We learn that the basement of the Hall building will contain one of the handsomest barber shops in the State.

A Farewell Party

It is with sincere regret that the many little friends of Elizabeth Lumpkin have learned that she is soon to leave Oxford with her parents who are moving to Suffolk, Va. To show their love for her, the members of the Fourth Grade in the Graded School tendered her a farewell party during the past week in their room at school. The little people enjoyed a happy time together serving refreshments which all enjoyed. Elizabeth has made a fine record in the school during the entire time she has been in Oxford and her classmates and teacher sincerely regret to have her leave and wish for her all success in her new home.

TOBACCOMMUNICATION TAKEN

MARKET WILL CLOSE TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING DAY

According to a time honored custom, the Oxford Tobacco Board of Trade, have decided to close the market on Wednesday evening next not to open on Thanksgiving day, which falls on Thursday, November 30th. The vacation will be prolonged by not opening the market on Friday following Thanksgiving Day. Thus it will be observed that the usual sales will take place on Wednesday of next week, but not on Thursday or Friday. It is stated that some one will be around the warehouses all the time and that they will be glad to see their friends.

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL CLOSE

Will Observe Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 30

We the undersigned merchants of Oxford agree to close our stores the entire day of November 30th, the same being Thanksgiving.

Taylor Bros., Streets 10c Store, Acme Hardware Company, Perkinson-Green Co., The Long Co., Howell Bros., Horner Bros. Co., Oxford Hardware Co., J. D. Brooks, Pitchford & Co., Hughes-Smaw Furniture Co., R. L. Brame, L. F. Day, J. M. Ellington, J. J. Medford, Pete Bullock, Breedlove & McFarland, J. F. White Co., L. Thomas, H. J. Council, J. W. Knight, J. T. Sizemore, Lyon-Winston Co., Upchurch & Curran, J. W. & D. S. Fuller, Oxford Jewelry Co., Landis & Easton, Cohn & Son, Victor Kaplon.

LETTER FROM CHINA

Mr. Joe Hunt Receives the Special Edition of the Public Ledger Fangtse, China, Oct. 13, 1916.

Dear Mr. Coble:

I received the Booster Edition of your paper a few days ago. It made me feel extremely good to see so many familiar faces. I'm always interested in things for the welfare of my original home town. I sincerely hope every Granvillian has reserved a copy of the special edition and help to promote the progress of old Granville county.

Please permit me to express my best wishes to those whom made the special edition possible and I hope to see the time when every issue will have the same co-operating power.

Yours faithfully,
JOE HUNT.

LOVELY IN DEATH

Mrs. Sula Currin Averett, daughter of Joe F. Currin and Henrietta Hobgood Currin, and wife of Trion S. Averett, died Nov. 6, 1916 at their home, near Enon, in Granville county. She was the mother of eleven children, three dead and eight living. The living are Shirley, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Lonie, Fred, Alline, Ben, William and Isabel. It was a lovely home—everyone striving with the others to make it joyous and happy. The mother was a model in devotion, happy in disposition, self-sacrificing, thoughtful, and faithful. "She opened her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue was the law of kindness." She looked well to the happiness and ways of her household, and ate not the bread of idleness. By her goodness, purity and excellency of character she won for herself the respect, approbation and praise of all who knew her. Her death has filled the community with sadness, but we confidently expect her beautiful life to be reproduced in her children.

She was an exemplary member of Enon Baptist church and was buried by her pastor, assisted by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin of Oxford. Her body rests in Enon cemetery, her spirit is "gathered with the Father's," and we have a precious inheritance in her blessed memory.

Loved and honored friends bore the casket to the tomb where it was left—all covered with beautiful flowers, tender sympathies and immortal hopes.

FEDERAL JUROR

Big Man From Granville in the Box

We notice that Senator Titus Currier, of Granville, is attending the Federal court in Raleigh this week in the capacity of juror. Nothing pleases the lawabiding citizens of the Commonwealth quite so much as to see our best men in the jury box. In many instances it is a sacrifice to those who serve, but the State is blessed thereby.

The Minor Warehouse

Just glance at the names of the satisfied farmers as published in the announcement of the Minor Warehouse elsewhere in this paper. It will also be seen elsewhere in this paper that Mr. Mangum, the proprietor of the Minor wants 300,000 pounds of scrap tobacco.

AGED MONARCH DEAD

TROUBLED REIGN OF FRANZ JOSEF—BLAMED FOR THE WAR

Austria's Ruler Dies at 86—Bitter Grief and Tragedy Marked Life of Head of Dual Monarchy.

Emperor Franz Josef's death came Tuesday night after one of the longest and most troubled reigns in history, and in the midst of the world's greatest war, which Austria was first to enter.

He was born on August 18, 1830, and came to the throne December 2, 1848, on the abdication of his uncle, Emperor Ferdinand.

His reign of nearly sixty-eight years was the longest active one in history. It is exceeded by that of Louis XIV, who was on the throne seventy-two years, part of which was during his infancy.

Francis Joseph's armies were defeated in 1806 by the Prussians, who assumed domination of the Teuton race and with whom he became allied in later years.

Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, was a brother of Francis Joseph. He was executed by the Mexicans.

Francis Joseph's only son and heir, Rudolph, met a mysterious death, either committing suicide or having been murdered in 1889.

Francis Joseph's wife, "the good Elizabeth" was assassinated in Switzerland by an Anarchist in 1898.

His sister-in-law, the Duchess d'Alencon, was burned to death at a charity bazaar in Paris.

His favorite grandchild married against his wishes and her love ended in the shooting of her rival.

The heir-presumptive, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, was assassinated in 1914, just before the present war.

The world's misfortune is that his office, and every other like it, have not died with him. Imperialism is not less ready for the grave than are the royal remains which lie in state at Vienna.

His death will have no effect upon the war. Archduke Charles Francis and the Archduchess Zita will ascend the throne of Austria-Hungary.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE MASTERPIECE

Complete arrangements have been made for the presentation in Oxford at the Orpheum Theatre of D. W. Griffith's wonderful spectacle "The Birth of a Nation," for two days starting Friday afternoon, December 1, and continuing with an evening performance, that day and an afternoon and evening performance on Saturday.

When "The Birth of a Nation" is shown in this city its presentation will be identically the same as in all of the large cities throughout the country. The same large symphony orchestra that has accompanied the spectacle everywhere will be heard here. Alterations are now being made in the Orpheum for the accommodation of the orchestra and for the installation of stage and projection equipment. An entire sixty foot baggage car load of incidental stage effects, requiring the services of 24 men on the stage to operate, is also carried by "The Birth of a Nation" company.

Advertising Agent Darrell, formerly of the Barnum and Bailey advance crew arrived in Oxford last night with his advertising car and a crew of bill posters who will herald the coming of the mammoth attraction to Oxford for miles around.

As out of town theatregoers are equally interested in the coming of "The Birth of a Nation" with theatregoers of Oxford, the management of the Orpheum will accept mail orders accompanied by a money order and self addressed, stamped envelope. By conducting the sale in this manner everyone will have an equal chance to secure choice seats. Mail orders have been pouring in for several weeks but as many failed to enclose a check or money order the tickets cannot be returned. It is also imperative that a self addressed, stamped envelope be included. It should be stated plainly in the order just what performance the tickets are desired.

This is the farewell tour of Mr. Griffith's masterpiece as it will be succeeded on the road shortly by his new super-spectacle "Intolerance," now at the Liberty Theatre, New York city, and to be shown at the Orpheum at a later date.

Tickets on Sale

Seats on sale for "The Birth of a Nation" at Orpheum Theatre. All tickets numbered 23 are good for Friday matinee only. All tickets numbered 24 are good for Friday night only. All tickets numbered 31 are good for matinee Saturday only. All tickets numbered 32 are good for Saturday night only.

A DAY OF GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT

THE OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL IS VERY MUCH OVERCROWDED.

(Supt. G. B. PHILLIPS)

Toady as never before there is a spirit of progress in every line of activity. This spirit calls for increased equipment on all sides in order that growth may continue. But most noticeable increase has been in the field of Education. Our State papers have been full of the accounts of the many towns and cities that have found it absolutely necessary to enlarge their school plants this past fall. Still we will read more growth as others build and make preparations for the greatest task of the age—the education of the children. North Carolina cannot afford to fall behind in this all important factor in any state progress. Her smallest towns are offering the boys and girls all that a school can give. For the boys there is a course in Manual training and Business principles, and all the things that make a serviceable man. For the girls there is a course in the Domestic Arts which will help to make the homes what they should be. Schools are paying more attention to the physical development of the child and this has called for more room in the buildings and on the grounds.

In the midst of such remarkable growth let us consider our own conditions for a minute. The equipment that Oxford has is good and up to the present time has been sufficient. But just as the growing boy soon outgrows his trousers and must have more or suffer the Oxford schools have gone far beyond the equipment thus far provided and must have further provisions or suffer.

This year the two rooms in the front of the building that were not planned for class rooms have been used. There are sixty-five more pupils now than in the past. There are at least seventy-five more in the building than it can successfully accommodate. There are sixty-two in the first grade under one teacher. There is no room for any special courses such as domestic science, manual training, or business. There are no provisions for laboratory work. There is no eleventh grade which is necessary to fully prepare our pupils for College.

Read these plain facts and think what they mean when they hinder the development of your boy or girl. Make a personal application and then let someone else know what you have done. The school board is doing all in its power to give the best service but needs financial support. The teachers are working cheerfully and willingly under these conditions. Can you expect them to do their best with out room and the absolutely necessary equipment? They are not extravagant but on the other hand make every thing count.

Come to the school and see if the foregoing account is correct. If it is then go home determined to do better for your children than to give good streets and side walks to walk upon. Teach them how to walk the higher paths of life by giving them a real chance at an education. You cannot afford to do otherwise.

HUGHES BREAKS THE STILLNESS

Expresses Wishes For a Successful Administration

WASHINGTON—In his congratulatory telegram to President Wilson, Wednesday night, Charles E. Hughes said:

"Because of the closeness of the vote I have awaited the official count in California and now that it has been virtually completed, permit me to extend to you my congratulations upon your re-election. I desire also to express my best wishes for a successful administration."

The President's telegram to Mr. Hughes read:

"I am sincerely obliged to you for your message of congratulation. Allow me to assure you of my good wishes for the years to come."

Surl News Notes

The boys in this section are successful in landing much game.

Mr. Owen Frazier and other members of the family sold a load of tobacco for \$259.

Mr. Oscar Garrett and Miss Lizzie Duncan were married on the 15th inst.

The farmers in this section are selling right much tobacco on the Oxford market, for which they get fine prices.

A big oak tree on Mr. S. S. Frazier's place when sawed yielded 1807 two and one-half foot boards.

Mr. W. D. Oakley is building a nice new dwelling house.

Witnesses in Federal Court

Chief Sam Wheeler and Special officer Hutchins were summoned to appear in Federal court at Raleigh Thursday and testify in the case of Otis Ball.

REV. HARTE ACCEPTS CALL

HICKORY MINISTER COMES TO THE OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Enter Upon His Duties Here January 1st—Is One of the Ablest Preachers in the State.

HICKORY, Nov. 21—Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the First Baptist church, Sunday tendered his resignation to take effect January 1, in order that he might accept the call to the First church of Oxford. The church here accepted the resignation with deepest regret. Mr. and Mrs. Harte have been here for eight and a half years and in that time have advanced the interests of the church in a large way. Mr. Harte is accounted one of the ablest preachers in the Baptist church, and Hickory people know him to be a fine friend and companion. It is not known who will succeed him, but today members of his church and others were not hopeful of filling his place soon.

STEM NEWS NOTES

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

Sudden Death

The community of Hester was shocked last Saturday morning when it became known that Mr. Aubrey Halthcock, one of the popular young men who lived within a mile of Hester had died suddenly Friday night, November 17th. On Thursday Mr. Halthcock went to Roxboro where he secured a position in a garage, he being gifted in this line of work. From Roxboro he went to Durham where he spent Thursday night, returning to his home near Hester on the noon train Friday. After eating a hearty supper Friday night he went out to the home of a neighbor and stayed until an early bedtime, returned home talked over his plans with his parents for about an hour and went up stairs to his bed room whistling at ten o'clock. Being late for breakfast one of his brothers went up stairs to see what was the matter and found him dead. Dr. Bullock at once came and made an examination and pronounced his death as due to heart failure. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Halthcock by whom he is survived with five brothers and one sister. He was unmarried, in the 23rd year of his age, strictly sober, upright, and of exemplary traits of character. The funeral services were conducted from the home of his parents Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. G. Bryant of Creedmoor.

Runaway Horse

On last Monday afternoon, our fellow townsman, Mr. Alvis Stem and little son Aaron, were returning from Providence in a buggy and had reached a point in the public highway just beyond the Dudley Wheeler place when they saw approaching them in a buggy Mr. E. C. Allen of Providence, his daughter, Miss Mary Willie, and his little granddaughter. About this time Mr. Allen's horse became frightened and ran away, running against Mr. Stem's buggy throwing him out and also the three occupants of Mr. Allen's buggy. Mr. Allen the only one however who was seriously hurt, was hurried to a physician where he received medical attention. He is reported to have sustained internal injuries. The other victims of the runaway while bruised and badly shaken up escaped with slight injuries.

Hand Hurt

Mr. Willie Daniel, of Tally Ho, was the victim of a very painful accident last Monday afternoon while working around a wood saw at Mr. B. F. Farabow's near Tally Ho. He was walking by the saw when the glove on the left hand was caught, which resulted in the ends of three of his fingers being slit open. He at once came to Dr. Hardee who dressed the wounded hand which he will be unable to use for several weeks.

Safe Investments

We note elsewhere in this paper that the Granville Real Estate and Trust Company is handling several high class farms, attractive homes and make loans on real estate.

Thanksgiving Sale

Victor Kaplon announces on the second page of this paper some wonderful bargains. His stock is full and the cash price for goods is low.

FORBID TO HIRE

My son, Herman Dickens, 16 years old, has left home without my consent, therefore I forbid anyone to hire, harbor or feed him. This 22d Nov. 1916. MRS. ADA DICKENS.

LOST—BLACK SETTER BIRD DOG

Answers to the name of "Impy". Disappeared in the Oak Hill section. Reward. J. H. White, Oxford.

IF IT IS GALVANIZED OR PAINTED

V Crimp roofing or rubber roofing of any kind, then Samuel Davis, at Clarksville, Va., is the man you want to see. We are selling Galvanized roofing or rubber roofing for less than the factory price.