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THE SPIRIT OF OUR UNIVERSITY

AN INTIMATE VIEW OF PRESIDENT EDWARD KIDDER GRAHAM

Honor and Integrity Predominates the Student Body—Oxford Boys Well Organized and Equipped.

On our visit to the State Newspaper Institute held at the University of North Carolina last week, it was our pleasure for the first time to grasp the hand and get an intimate view of President Edward Kidder Graham, the great educator.

Of all the great men that have presided at the head of the great seat of learning we dare say none ever towered above the present head. He impressed us as being as firm as a corner-stone and as gentle as a child. We doubt that there exists anywhere a student body with a higher regard for its sovereign head.

A view of president Graham's face on the campus, in the halls, or wherever seen, is an inspiration to every young man to put forth the best energy that is in him. It is the most democratic seat of learning in the entire Union; young men are placed upon their honor, and honor and integrity is high. Even the shadows of the great buildings, the pale moon that flits across the heavens and the thousands of lights that sparkle by night from the great dormitories and hall speaks of a mighty force that is impelling—and out of it will come our greatest men. "How are you getting along," we enquired of a young friend, and with a twinkle in the eye he replied: "I am here by the grace of God and I am holding on with tooth and toe-nail."

The Personal Touch

We were highly pleased to hear President Graham pronounce the name of each student from Oxford as readily as if they had been members of his own family, thus: Elliott Cooper, Beverly Royster, Basil Horsfield, J. K. Bryan, C. B. Taylor, Edward Ballou, Rowland Gooch and Tom Pace. After complimenting the Oxford contingent as a whole, President Graham in referring to two of the young men, used an original phrase that we never before heard applied with equal force. He said that "they are highly organized and well equipped."

A Thoughtful Young Man

By previous arrangement, the local committee assigned the members of the press to various homes, the editor of the Public Ledger being quartered at the hotel. Immediately after registering, we passed across the campus and met our young friend, Mr. Elliott Cooper just as the shade of evening began to gather. He was bareheaded, as all good students are, and under his arm were a half dozen textbooks. He greeted us most cordially and did a thing that we greatly appreciated and will long remember. "Come with me," he said, "and be my guest; I have a soft pillow for you and I will be pleased to make you comfortable."

University Properties

Those who have not seen the University plant in recent years would be surprised to see the handsome groups of buildings. The value of our University property, as reported by the Federal Education Bureau, is placed at \$1,154,025. This total covers all grounds and buildings, library, apparatus, machinery, and furniture. It has taken the state nearly a century and a quarter to create this value in University properties. As a matter of fact what the State itself has invested in her University plant so far is all told less than \$425,000; the balance, some \$700,000, represents the contributions of generous alumni and other friends, and the increase in value due to passing years. The outlay of the State in University properties has averaged less than three thousand five hundred dollars a year during the 122 years of University history.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Sum Needed by Institution for New Equipment

The annual report of the trustees of the Methodist Orphanage, located at Raleigh, was submitted to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Durham Saturday. The report showed there are at present 295 children in the orphanage. Fifty more will be received soon. During the past year \$27,000 was contributed to the support of the Orphanage in addition to the assessment received from the conference. The trustees asked for \$1,400 to be expended in equipment the coming year.

Mrs. Sall's Mother Dead

Mrs. Alfred Salls received the sad news last Saturday of the death of her mother, Mrs. C. E. Everest, in Plattsburgh, N. Y. Miss Helen H. Salls arrived here from Rocky Mount on Saturday afternoon.

THE LOCAL POSTOFFICE

Interesting Information Given And Suggestion Made

Assistant Postmaster Critcher being interviewed states that as the holiday season is now on he urges upon the patrons of the Oxford postoffice to mail all packages early, and advises that all parcels of any value be insured.

"I urge upon all patrons of this office now receiving their mail by city carriers to have immediately receptacles placed at their front doors or some convenient place so that our carriers will not be detained in delivering mails. This will help this office greatly and give us far better service," said Mr. Critcher.

Continuing, Mr. Critcher said: "The Post Office Department invites your attention to the benefits to be derived from the use of private receptacles. Such receptacles, in the form of a box or a slot in the door, obviate the necessity of patrons responding to the carrier's call at inconvenient moments, permit the safe delivery of mail at all times, and contribute materially to the efficiency of the service. When not compelled to await a response to his ring, the carrier is enabled to cover his route more expeditiously and make prompt deliveries, especially to those residing near the end of his route. With a safe place in which to deposit the mail at all times the carrier is enabled to reduce to a minimum the amount of mail returned to the office because of the temporary absence of patrons to get prompt response to his ring."

In view of the prosperous condition of the country, Mr. Critcher realizes that it will tax the force of the Oxford office to handle the business this Christmas. He is looking carefully into every detail and systematizing the work with a view of handling it to the best advantage.

HOME FROM CHINA

Mr. Bullock Returns After an Absence of Four Years

Mr. S. F. Bullock, who for the past four years has been stationed at Shanghai, China, representing the British-American Tobacco Company, and wife are visiting relatives in Granville county. They reached Creedmoor Monday. Leaving Shanghai on November 4, Mr. Bullock has been traveling toward North Carolina for the past month. He arrived at San Francisco a little more than a week ago and left immediately for Creedmoor, making the entire trip directly across the continent. Mr. Bullock left for Shanghai in 1912 and has been located at that place since that time.

DOWN ON THE BORDER

North Carolina Officers Plan to Have Club

A special from El Paso states that officers of the North Carolina brigade are planning to organize a North Carolina club. If the plans go through says the report, a fine stone club house will be built fifty by twenty-four feet in dimensions. Blue prints for it have been prepared by the North Carolina engineers. The building will stand midway between the First and Third regiments and will have a reading room, card tables, stage for amateur theatricals and dancing floors. The issuing of lumber for winter quarters, long delayed, will be started tomorrow. This would seem to indicate that some definite plan has been decided upon at least and that we are to remain here for some time.

GUILTY OF MURDER

The Carnival Negro Must Stand Trial for His Life

It will be remembered a negro, a member of the carnival company playing an engagement at the County Fair, whipped out a pistol and shot Lew Seeker, the manager of the Carnival Company, to the ground. The negro was landed in the Granville county jail and Seeker was sent to Watt's hospital, Durham, for treatment.

On Friday last Seeker died of the wounds that failed to heal. His remains were shipped to his home in Lebanon, Ohio. The negro is in jail. He is charged with using reprehensible language in the presence of Mrs. Seeker and when Mr. Seeker spoke to him he shot him to the ground. It is understood that Mrs. Seeker will testify at the February term of Court.

Will Award Medal

The Shakespeare Club, gratified at the success of the Shakespearean declamation contest instituted by them last year in the Oxford High School, have decided to offer prizes in a similar contest this session. As before, the contest will be held in the school auditorium, and will be open to members of the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Grades. It will be held in February, the exact date to be announced later.

—Read the page ad of Victor Kaplan on the second page of this paper.

SHOP WINDOWS GAILY DRESSED

REAL SANTA CLAUS WILL SOON BE SEEN IN SEVERAL STORES.

And Both Kiddies and Fond Parents Will Have the Pleasure of Buying From a Real Old Saint Nicholas—Heavy Sales Expected by Local Business Men and Holiday Orders Have Been Unusually Large During the Season.

Several windows of the large business houses throughout the city are gaily attired in the brilliant and gaudy dress heralding the approach of the joyous Christmas-tide, and from the present indications, it will not be many more days before many of the other large establishments will join the rank, and let their windows speak in glowing and thrilling accents of the many pleasures that will soon be on hand, and happy occasions to transpire with pictures of old Kriss Krinkle coming up some ice-covered hill just as fact as his little reindeers can carry him.

Many of the local firms have made unusually large orders for this year, and it is expected that the sales of reasonable requisites will nearly double those of the past year. The principal toy stores are also anticipating great sales, and shipments of many different novelties have already been received, though the usual extensive advertising has not yet been distributed. Some of the merchants it is stated, will have old Kriss Krinkle himself in their stores throughout the holiday rush, and it is thought that with this feature the kiddies and the grown-ups too, will spend a little longer time lingering around the toy counters presided over by old Saint Nick.

It is not known at just what date the many special features for the coming joyous days will be presented to public gaze, but it is an assured fact that greater efforts than ever before will this year be inaugurated by the local business men in making both the sales and pleasure of the occasion surpass even the fondest expectations of the kiddies and fond parents.

Kriss Krinkle in all his glory will participate in the sales at some of the stores, but announcements have not yet been made as to what stores his Royal Majesty will be. Of course, however, his stay will be a very short one as his trips to other parts of the world will take a great length of time naturally, he will want to spend the end of the holidays with Mrs. Santa Clause.

THE METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

DR. WILLIS RETURNS HERE AND REV. C. A. JONES GOES TO NEW BERNE

Our Good Friend Dr. Tyer Goes to Littleton, and L. H. Joyner Goes to Fayetteville.

In the appointments read at the closing session of the North Carolina Conference in Durham Monday we glean the following:

Raleigh District

Presiding Elder, J. E. Underwood. Benson Circuit, J. T. Stanford; Cary Circuit, B. R. Robinson; Clayton, T. A. Sikes; Four Oaks Circuit, T. E. Davis; Franklinton Circuit, J. H. Buffalo; Garner Circuit, E. B. Craven; Granville Circuit, B. H. Black; Johnston Circuit, J. G. Johnson; Kenley Circuit, C. P. Jerome; Louisville, N. H. D. Wilson; Milbrook Circuit, L. E. Sawyer; Oxford, R. H. Willis; Oxford Circuit, B. C. Thompson; Central, Raleigh, S. E. Mercer; Edenton Street, Raleigh, M. Bradshaw; Epworth, Raleigh, R. F. Taylor; Jenkins Memorial, Raleigh, J. W. Potter; Selma, C. K. Proctor; Smithfield, S. A. Cotton; Tar River, J. A. Lee; Youngville Circuit, B. C. Allred; Zebulon Circuit, G. W. Starling; Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Davis; Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, L. S. Massey; Superintendent Methodist Orphanage A. S. Barnes; Editor Nashville Christian Advocate, T. N. Ivey; Conference Missionary Secretary, N. H. D. Wilson.

Warrenton District

Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman is returned to the First Church, Henderson, and Rev. W. G. Lowe is sent back for a third year to North and South Henderson. Rev. L. E. Thompson is made presiding elder of the Warrenton district.

Brown-Gregory

The following handsomely engraved cards have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Lee Brown request the pleasure of . . . 's company at the marriage of their daughter Josephine and

Mr. Charles Alexander Gregory At home on Saturday, December 30th, 1916, at 9 o'clock Oxford, North Carolina. R. S. V. P.

A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

For the Night of Saturday, December the 23rd.

(DR. F. H. T. HORSFIELD) Rector of St. Stephen's Parish

At the request of and working in conjunction with the Women's Club, a representative committee has been appointed by the Sunday Schools of Oxford to arrange a Community Christmas Tree for the night of Saturday, December twenty-third. Further details will be published later.

The idea of this Community Tree is to give open and public expression to the true Christmas thought; to make it full of its own native beauty and attractiveness, rather than with the usual noise.

The story of the Christ Child is the unforgettable record of God's love for us, His children; the tenderest expression of the Divine solicitude. Thus it seems a fitting privilege that, as a Community, we should give a public welcome to the simple representation of the storied past, bright with "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

The world today is so hard, with Bethlehem's plain, and many another hill and plain, wet with sorrow's tears, that it may be a relief for us to come together in our common Faith, in the spirit of Christian graciousness, and brotherly kindness, and with some of the innocence, maybe, of the Holy Child Himself. Among the conventionalities of the life that now is, it may be well for us to open our hearts to a freshened thought of the simplicity of the Holy One coming into human life. It may even be a benediction to picture the heavenly Star guiding us Gentiles to the young Child; to see the wondering shepherds with their sheep, and to gather around the symbolic Tree as simple little children, caroling our joy for God's inestimable gift. The idea seems good enough to show a Blessing for our Community.

CHURCH MUSIC

There Will Be an Interesting Paper By Rev. S. K. Phillips

The Music Department of the Woman's Club will hold its second meeting of the year on Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church. The subject of the meeting will be "Church Music." There will be a paper by Rev. S. K. Phillips and selections of church music sung by a quintet of good singers. All members of the club are cordially invited to attend, also any others who may be interested.

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

Board of Trade Announce Holiday Closing and Opening Dates.

The Tobacco Board of Trade has announced that the local tobacco market will be closed for the holidays after the sales on Thursday, December 21st, to be opened for business Monday, January 8th, 1917.

CHRISTMAS SAVING CLUB

The National Bank of Granville Issue 452 Checks

The savings of 452 men, women and children in the 1916 Christmas Saving Club of the National Bank of Granville is \$8,500. Checks for this amount is being mailed to all members.

This money means a sure enough Santa Claus in the homes of some that otherwise would not have been so fortunate. But the beauty of the Christmas club is to create in the young a determination to save. The 1917 club opens December 18th.

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

To Serve During the Coming Six Months.

The Baraca Class of the Oxford Baptist church last Sunday elected the following officers to serve during the coming 6 months, beginning January first: Mr. Ira N. Howard, president; Mr. Thornton Yancey, vice-president; Mr. Oscar Murray, secretary and treasurer; Mr. H. H. Burroughs, assistant secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. Ben Comer, press reporter.

It is useless to say that General B. S. Royster was re-elected as teacher, for indeed the class would have to search far and wide to find another teacher the equal of General Royster. His teachings are always of good sound doctrine, and his manner of teaching is very easy to comprehend. Every Sunday a fine body of men gather to hear the General expound the International lesson.

The retiring officers have done a splendid work and their efforts are worthy of commendation.

Master Minds of Minstrelsy

The Price-Bonnelli Greater New York minstrels, one of America's leading burnt cork organizations, with 30 white artists, will entertain the audience at the Orpheum Theatre Thursday night. The press places the singers, dancers, acrobats and musicians of this troupe above any organization of the kind in this country.

STATE NEWSPAPER INSTITUTE

NEWS PRINT PAPER IS THE PUBLISHERS' NIGHTMARE

Three Days' Session at Chapel Hill—Big Men on the Program—Strong Committee Off For Washington.

Nearly every editor in the State attended the Newspaper Institute in Chapel Hill last week. Mr. E. E. Britton, editor of the News and Observer, presided over the meeting with that easy grace which characterizes his writings. Thursday, the opening night, Hon. William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, spoke on "Our World Relationship." In all, there were twenty-one numbers on the program, covering three days.

Dr. Talcott Williams, from the chair of Pulitzer School of Journalism, Columbia University, New York, spoke on the "Newspaper and the Nation." Prof. Walter Williams, dean of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, spoke on "Journalism, a New Weapon for Most Effective to Promote Democracy." He paid a glowing tribute to the university of North Carolina, and said he felt himself fortunate in speaking in a state rich in romance and history.

Democracy has many definitions, and he gave several. True democracy is the chance for every man to make the best of himself. Newspapers disseminate the news, the ladies not excepted. The new interpretations of the present is for the many. There is a change in the contents of the papers of the present day, making all knowledge common knowledge. It opens the doors of opportunity to the many. Furnishes food for opinions. Most effective to promote. Modern journalism is a weapon for democracy. Justice and truth flourish in the light of publicity. The wages of sin is publicity. Moses was the great ancient editor. A man is more often made to say, by a reporter, things he didn't mean, the things he did say. Journalism is the servant of society. Do we lack rever-

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A NOVEL DISTILLERY

Captured By the High Sheriff of Granville

Sheriff Hobgood on Saturday last got an inkling that a gang of negroes were manufacturing whisky on the southside of the county, near Rogers Quarters, some twenty miles from Oxford.

The Sheriff, accompanied by Chief Wheeler and Officer I. H. Hobgood, left Oxford at ten o'clock Sunday night and reached the scene of action about the bewitching hour of midnight. They smelt the smoke and sour mash before they saw the blaze, below a ledge in a deep ravine. The operators evidently heard the approach of the officers and retreated to the tall timber and watched from afar the destruction of their handiwork.

Crude Looking Affair

The still was a home-made concern, two five gallon lard cans being soldered together and used for the kettle. The cap, which was not larger than a man's hat was fashioned out of copper. It is estimated that the plant had a capacity of about one gallon of liquor every two hours. The indications are that it had been in use for several days.

Sour Mash

Usually the sour mash is made in close proximity to the still, but in this case there was a radical departure from the old style of doing business. In looking for the sour mash, meal and malt, the officers, in their vigil encircled the still, and when well out on the hill side a fullillade of shot were fired at them as the lawbreakers fled to parts unknown. The officers, however, were successful in finding the base of supplies. Returning to the ledge to get the still they departed by a small road, by the side of which stood a wagon, on which was a couple of barrels of sour mash ready to be converted into poison, the kind that kills. The driver of the wagon evidently heard the approach of the officers in time to unhitch the horses and with them make his escape. The wagon and still is now in the hands of the sheriff. The still is the most crude looking thing of the kind ever seen in Granville. It is worthy of a place in the State museum. Sheriff Hobgood will take pleasure in showing it to any one who cares to see it, the alidies not excepted.

Lieutenant Stegall Here

Lieutenant James I. Stegall, of the Granville Grays, returned from El Paso Monday and will remain here until after the holidays. He is looking well and brings a message of love from all of the boys.

—They say that shoes may cost twenty dollars a pair, and if such a thing comes to pass, you will probably see a lot of Granvillians rambling around in ancient Greek garb.