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## A DREAM OF OXFORD'S FUTURE.

A PICTURE THAT WE SAW IN OUR ROUNDS

Working Out of a Systematic Plan for the Future Growth of the City, Showing Future Residential and Manufacturing Districts, Sewers and Water Extensions and Location of Sites for Public Purposes.

During our rambles Christmas week it so happened that we entered a theatre to while away the time. There is nothing like a lively show or meaningless vaudeville act—the more silly the better—when one's brain is tired. Charlie Chaplain is a public benefactor in this respect. The show that night answered the purpose, and did more. It set our mental speculations flying off at a tangent and started the train of our thoughts in a new direction.

A real estate firm had a reel on that evening, apparently for advertising purposes, showing it's ways and means of developing a piece of acreage into saleable lots, the disposal of the same, and the building up of a new addition to the growing suburbs. Everything was shown from the survey and the turning of the first furrow to the leafing out of the newly planted shade trees and the rising of smoke from the chimneys of occupied cottages. There was calculated system, methods and efficiency in every phase of the proceedings that appealed strongly to our inbred sense for such thoroughness. Everything went as per schedule. There was no tearing up of street surfaces for piping and no piecemeal laying of sidewalks. It was a finished job in every detail and set us to reasoning, that finally led to the following conclusions:

1st. That Oxford, relative to climatic, shipping and supply facilities, is favorably located?

2nd. That the producing and consuming capacity of the county within a radius of twenty miles is sufficient, if properly taken advantage of, to warrant the future growth of our city?

3rd. That the trade of the producers and consumers within this radius could be attracted and absorbed by Oxford through the further extension of good roads.

4th. That the establishment of a farmers' produce exchange, by the co-operation of our merchants, would be beneficial in this last mentioned respect?

5th. That the working out of a systematic plan for the further growth of the city, showing future residential and manufacturing districts, sewer and water extensions, and location of sites for public purposes would be helpful to show the latent possibilities of Oxford.

6th. That such a map, if made, could be used effectively to advertise to attract manufacturers, capital and labor?

8th. That the beautifying of our town by parks, improved school-grounds, parked playgrounds, and the elimination of any unsightly objects is not a waste of money?

9th. That a public recreation park should be made the means of cementing together all classes of our population in civic pride and concerted effort for boosting the city, and of attraction and enjoyment to the visitors and patrons of the community? and

10th. Have you faith in the future and the possibilities of your home town?

## CHURCH NOTES

—It is doubtful that the pulpits of the four Oxford churches were supplied by stronger exponents of the Gospel than at the present time. Dr. Horsfield, rector of St. Stephens' grows more eloquent ever time we hear him; Dr. Willis, pastor of the Oxford Methodist church is an inspiration to every one who hears him; Rev. S. K. Phillips, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church is following the footsteps of the three generations of his noble forefathers, and Rev. J. D. Harte, who has just come to the Oxford Baptist church, presents the Scriptures with much beauty for force.

—Rev. Wm. Black and his vocalist will begin a meeting at the Presbyterian church, in Oxford, on January 21, to continue ten days. The entire community is greatly interested in this meeting.

—The congregations of all the churches in Oxford will unite in prayer services at the Presbyterian church this Wednesday night.

—Rev. J. D. Harte will arrive from Hickory this week and fill his pulpit at the Oxford Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening.

—The congregation at St. Stephens' anticipate with much pleasure the arrival of their new and handsome organ.

—In the absence of the pastor, Mr. W. T. Bost, Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News, made a talk at the Oxford Baptist church Sunday morning.

## WILL HAVE LARGE CHORUS

Dr. Black Will Be Assisted by Mr. Aaron Burr

Rev. Wm. Black, the Evangelist will begin a ten day meeting at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. He will preach at both services on Sunday and every day following at 10:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. The entire public is most cordially invited.

Preparatory services this week at Presbyterian church:

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Rev. R. H. Willis will speak, subject: "Prayer."

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Dr. Horsfield will speak, subject: "Hearing."

Friday, 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. D. Harte will speak, subject: "Working."

Mr. Black has his singer, Mr. Aaron Burr with him, and it is planned to have a large chorus lead the music. If you belong to a choir, go right into the chorus and let somebody else have your seat in the auditorium.

Pianist: Miss Lucy Webb.

Chairman of ushers: Mr. James A. Taylor.

Congregation: Everybody who is interested enough to attend.

Slogan: "My meeting, your meeting; everybody's meeting."

## OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL

Down in Old Tally Ho Township

Sheriff Hobgood, Internal Revenue Officer Lipsey and Chief Wheeler made a dash to the northeast section of Tally Ho last Saturday morning and returned in the afternoon with an eighty gallon still which they captured down by a small stream in the thick heavy woodland.

The operators had dismantled the distilling plant and made away with part of it. The rock upon which the kettle rested were warm when the officers came upon the scene.

No liquor, meal, sour mash or beer was visible. The kettle was brought to Oxford and locked up, pending the disposition of the court.

## MR. WILSON PROMOTED

Popular Clerk in the Oxford Post-office

Mr. G. A. Wilson, the young man who for the past few months attended the general delivery at the Oxford postoffice, has been promoted to mailing clerk, the position made vacant by the death of Mr. T. S. Waller.

Mr. Wilson is a substitute for Lieutenant Stegall, who is down on the border. Assistant postmaster Critch recognizes in Mr. Wilson superior ability to serve in the capacity of mailing clerk, and the general public hopes that his position will be permanent.

## AGED LADY DEAD

Mrs. M. H. Meadows, Formerly of Oxford

Mrs. M. H. Meadows, of Fuquay Springs, died at the Retreat for the Sigh in Durham last Friday. She was a member of the Baptist church and an estimable woman. Many relations survive in Granville. Her remains were brought to Oxford Saturday and interred in Elmwood cemetery. Impressive services were held at the grave-side, conducted by Dr. Marsh.

A more fitting tribute to the memory of this noble lady, written by Dr. Marsh who knew her well, will appear in the Public Ledger next Friday.

## BASKET BALL

In a Game of Basket Ball Oxford Adds Another Victory

On the armory floor Friday night the local team again won out in one of the best games seen here in years defeating Wake Forest highs by score of 25 to 12. It was hard fought throughout. When the two teams came on the floor all the available space was packed with Oxford supporters who realized that the team had a worthy opponent in the visiting team. The victory on Thursday night had put confidence into the boys and they played to win. The lineup: Wake Forest Parham, cpt. . . . R.F. . . . Greeson Webb . . . . . L.F. . . . . Carlyle Pitchford . . . . . C. . . . . Reid Hunt . . . . . R.G. . . . . Gill Ballou . . . . . R.G. . . . . Wilkerson

## TO INCREASE PENSIONS

Representative Brummitt to the Rescue of Old Soldiers

Hon. D. G. Brummitt, of Granville, introduced in the House last Friday a bill to increase pensions for Confederate veterans and raise property limit for eligibility from \$500 to \$1,000.

## COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Ben. K. Hays Re-Elected Health Officer.

At a meeting of the County Board of Health last week Dr. B. K. Hays was unanimously re-elected County Health Officer.

It is agreed on all sides that Dr. Hays is giving valuable services to the county.

## NEW ENTERPRISE FOR OXFORD

LARGE PLANT FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF HIGH-GRADE FLOUR

A Unit Mill With a Capacity of 125 Barrels of High-Grade Flour Daily—Second to None in the Entire Country.

The Public Ledger learns that a company is being formed to manufacture high grade flour in Oxford. The capital is in sight for a large plant with a capacity of 125 barrels daily. Certain papers are yet to be signed and a name for the company selected. The gentlemen forming the company are well known business men of Oxford.

The large mill will be an incentive to the farmers of this section to raise more wheat. We learn from one of the gentlemen connected with the enterprise that the mill will be operated every working day throughout the year. There will be a large elevator erected to take care of the grain.

A salesman of milling machinery was recently here in consultation with members of the new company and a high-grade mill with a capacity of 125 barrels daily was practically agreed upon. The plant is expected to be in full operation by the middle of the summer.

## STEM NEWS ITEMS

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

### The Measle Epidemic

The measles epidemic continues to rage. In one family, Mr. J. H. Daniel of Tally Ho, there are twelve who are in the throes of the disease.

### New Methodist Preacher

Rev. B. H. Black, recently assigned by the Methodist Conference to the Granville Circuit filled his first appointment at Stem church Sunday. His sermon based on the theme, "Going further in Christian service" was strong, practical and was well received. The impression is that he has made a fine beginning in his new charge, and will put new life and energy into the work on this circuit.

### Rogen-Sherman

Their host of friends throughout the county will be interested to hear of the marriage of Miss Jannie Pearl Rogen, of Creedmoor, and Mr. Ira Gray Sherman, of Durham, which was solemnized in the home of Rev. Hight C. Moore in the city of Raleigh on Thursday, January 11th, the noted divine performing the ceremony. It was the happy culmination of a romance which began several years ago. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rogen of Creedmoor, and is a young lady of rare attainments. She was educated in Creedmoor High School and Meredith College, Raleigh also taking a course in music at Bryant's Conservatory, Durham. She is by nature a musician, which talent she has fully developed and is organist at the Baptist church, Creedmoor. Until Christmas she was music teacher in Creedmoor High School and it was with great reluctance that the committee accepted her resignation. She was also teacher of the Philathea class in the Baptist church, Creedmoor. The groom is a young man of sterling worth and excellent character. For years he has been a traveling salesman with headquarters in Durham, and is of handsome appearance and pleasant address, and is especially popular in business circles where he has for so long been a familiar figure. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman will make their future home in Durham. With their many friends, we bespeak for them a long, happy and prosperous life.

### Personal Mention

"Doctor" C. M. Cook, of Guilford county who has spent several weeks in our community returned home Monday.

Miss Gracie Bullock, who is teaching at Tar River, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bullock.

Dr. P. R. Hardee attended the inauguration of Governor Bickett in Raleigh last week.

Mr. Dick Beasley of Apex was a visitor in Stem Sunday night.

### Lecture Postponed

The lecture of Prof. N. W. Walker of the University of North Carolina, which was announced for this Tuesday night in the auditorium of the Oxford Graded Schol building under the auspices of the Literature and Library Extension Department of the Woman's Club, has been postponed on account of inclement weather, the date of his coming to be announced later.

### Recital Postponed

The Recital that was to have been given this Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Wade R. Brown, of Greensboro, has been postponed. Announcement will be made later.

## STOCKHOLDERS MEET

Banks and Buggy Manufacturing Companies in Fine Shape.

The stockholders of the National Bank of Granville, The First National Bank, The Union Bank, The Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company, and the Oxford Buggy Company, held their annual meetings last week. The business of the banks during the latter part of 1916 graphically demonstrated that the people in this section of the State are in a prosperous condition, and as evidence of this the quarterly statements of the banks published under the supervision of the Government were in evidence.

### Mr. Meadows Elected President

There were no changes in the personnel of the National Bank of Granville or the First National Bank. Following the meeting of the directors of the Union Bank, Mr. J. F. Meadows was elected president, which position was made vacant by the death of Mr. Jack Haskins last fall. The directorate of the Union Bank is as follows: J. F. Meadows, W. H. Fleming, Dr. I. H. Davis, J. M. Baird, J. T. Cozart, Herbert E. Crews, Jacob Thompson.

### Taylor-Cannady Buggy Co.

Regular annual business meeting of Stockholders and Directors of the Taylor-Cannady Buggy Company was held January 9th. Elections were as follows:

Directors: J. P. Floyd, Dr. E. T. White, J. W. Horner, N. H. Cannady, H. H. Burroughs, W. J. Evans. Officers: N. H. Cannady, president; C. W. Bryan, vice-president; H. H. Burroughs, secretary and treasurer; W. J. Evans, factory manager.

Information that the company was rushed with business, beyond its capacity was received with enthusiasm. Records show that at the beginning of the New Year a larger amount of business was on hand than known at one time for perhaps the past ten years. Often mail orders are received for solid car shipments of twenty-five buggies at once.

It is speaking well of the Taylor-Cannady buggy for that Company to be experiencing such a revival of business, and to be favored with such a liberal endorsement of their patrons as evidenced by the amount of mail orders received.

### Oxford Buggy Company

The report of the secretary and treasurer was very gratifying, especially considering the condition of business for the year just closed. The Stockholders expressed themselves as greatly pleased.

The following were unanimously elected Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. W. J. Long, Z. W. Lyon, W. G. Pace, I. N. Howard, R. L. Green, B. S. Royster and B. F. Taylor.

Immediately after adjournment of Stockholders Meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors met, and the following officers were elected: W. J. Long, president; B. S. Royster, vice-president; I. N. Howard, secretary and treasurer; B. F. Taylor, general manager.

It is gratifying to note that the "Oxford Chase Buggy" is holding its own. Many orders are received daily and the factory is running full time. A large watermelon which had been in cold storage since last fall was cut. The stockholders were very jubilant and it was thought best to have the melon on hand to cool their enthusiasm.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed for Mr. A. L. Capehart who had the misfortune of getting his arm broken first of year.

## WILL CONTEST SEAT

Congressman Britt Will Try to Oust Weaver.

Formal notice that his seat in Congress will be contested in the house was served on Congressman-elect Zebulon Weaver in Asheville Monday morning.

Boiled down to the bare statements Britt's charges in substance are:

That Buncombe county board of canvassers unlawfully added 27 unmarked ballots to Weaver's vote in Buncombe county, thereby changing the contestants majority of 13 into a majority of nine for the contestee.

## Debate Peace Negotiations

The Carteret Literary Society met for its weekly meeting on January 12th. Our secretary, Francis Bradsher having stopped school necessitated the election of a new secretary. George W. Hunt was unanimously elected to fill that office. The debate was, "Resolved that now is the time for the U. S. to open peace negotiations with the warring nations." Affirmative: Moses Wolf, John Knott. Negative: Roy Upchurch, Thomas Woods, Samuel Hall, Sidney Curran failed to render a declamation. W.

Here is the bright side again. The uncultured person who eats with his elbows resting on the hash house table saves the waiter the trouble of wiping it off with a wet cloth.

## MR. THOMAS S. WALLER DIED

HEAD OF THE OXFORD MASONIC LODGE SUCCEMBED TO ATTACK OF PERITONITIS

Died in Watt's Hospital Friday Evening—Buried in Wake County Saturday With Masonic Honors.

Following a brief illness Mr. T. S. Waller, for many years a clerk in the Oxford postoffice, died at Watt's Hospital, Durham, at 6:30 o'clock last Friday evening.

Ten days ago Mr. Waller experienced an acute attack of appendicitis and was removed to Watt's hospital. Peritonitis developed and his condition steadily became more critical until death resulted.

The deceased was born at Knap of Reeds, Granville county, January 12, 1881, and his death occurred on his thirty-sixth birthday. He was the son of S. W. and Louisa Waller. He attended the Cary high school and Wake Forest college. Mr. Waller lived at Knap of Reeds until ten years ago when he moved to Oxford. During the past decade he had served as postal clerk at Oxford. He married Miss Nannie Sorrell, daughter of Mr. A. J. Sorrell, of Morrisville, November 13, 1909. To this union three children were born and these, with their mother, survive. They are Clyde, Hazel and Thomas Waller, aged respectively five years, three years, and two months.

Mr. Waller's father lives at Knap of Reeds and the deceased is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Willie Hedgepeth, of Lyons; Miss Hattie Waller and Mr. James Waller, who reside at Knap of Reeds. A number of relatives live in Durham and Granville counties. Mr. Waller was a member of the Oxford Baptist church, being secretary of the Sunday school for the past eight years. At the time of his death he was worshipful master of the Oxford Masonic lodge and was also a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at that place.

The body was taken from Durham through the country to the family burying ground, near Mount Herman church, four miles north of Morrisville, Wake county, leaving Durham at noon Saturday. Masons of Durham and Oxford took charge of the burial services. Rev. J. Ben Eller, pastor of the West Durham Baptist church conducted the services.

The following from Oxford, making the trip in automobiles, attended the funeral and burial: Messrs. Will Landis, J. Robt. Wood, Col. W. B. Ballou, John Baker, B. K. Lassiter, J. W. Hester, B. W. Parham, J. L. White, Cleveland Moore, Sam Clark.

## SURELY HAD SOME FEET

Two Granville County Farmers Discuss New Comer

Some time since two Walnut Grove farmers were seated in the corner grocery talking about crops and the joy of serving on the Grand Jury, when one of the pair chanced to mention a man who had just moved into that locality.

"An' maybe he ain't got some feet!" continued Uncle William. "I think them feet o' his'n is the longest feet I ever seen."

"He's got to go some if he needs more cowhides than Jake Bowers," commented the other.

"Jake Bowers is a Cimeterler a-long side o' that new feller," declared Uncle William. "T'other day he come to our house to see about some corn, and he had to walk up to the door backwards to ring the bell."

## CIVIL WAR GREENBACKS

Will Be Used After February 1 in Place of Notes

A new issue of one and two-dollar greenbacks of Civil War days, discontinued more than 30 years ago, will be put into circulation probably about February 1, displacing similar United States notes of larger denomination to provide relief from the unprecedented demand for small paper money. The Treasury Department announced Wednesday that the issue had been decided on because silver certificates of one and two-dollar denomination could not be issued under the law in sufficient quantity to meet the demand.

A limit of \$346,681,016 to the amount of outstanding Federal notes was fixed by law in 1873 after the greenback had become an issue in politics, and had resulted in the birth of a new national party, backed largely by the farmers of the West and South. No greenbacks have been issued since 1885, and the amount of outstanding \$1 and \$2 notes of that variety now is slightly over \$3,000,000. There is, however, \$102,445,300 outstanding in United States notes of \$10 denomination and higher and a portion of these will be retired and cancelled dollar for dollar, to meet the new issues of small denominations.