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CANNING AND POULTRY CLUBS

A VALUABLE MESSAGE FROM MRS. CAPEHART

"The Most Pitiful Thing of All is a Helpless Young Girl With No Training In Household Arts."

The Canning and Poultry Club enrollments are now being made up for the season. Many applications for membership have come in, and yet there are so many girls in the county that this work has not reached that I wish to call the attention of parents to some of its advantages.

Many people think, because we sell a few thousand canned tomatoes and snap beans every season, that this is simply an organization that encourages the making of a little spending money, but it is by far more than this. Probably the most important thing that we strive to do is the saving of waste products of the garden and orchard, thereby reducing the cost of living and providing a more wholesome and varied diet in the home during the winter. Many of our club members have summer vegetables in abundance on their tables all winter. A girl said to me the other day:

"Mother just delights in giving us vegetable dinners now-a-days. We have snaps and tomatoes, corn and butterbeans and canned fruits in abundance, and our Brunswick stew is just fine!"

We use all of these things as lavishly as in summer time."

In this girls family 1500 cans were put up last season, and of course, there was a good surplus to sell.

Once when I was speaking to the head of the household of the splendid things his family of five girls had accomplished, his reply was: "I never did believe in raising rocking chair girls." Many of us are inclined to "raise rocking chair girls," but certainly we are not doing our best by them if we allow them to be dependent upon us in every respect. The time may come most unexpectedly when any one of them may be called upon to cope with a situation for which they are totally unprepared, and a pitifully helpless thing is a young girl, with no training in household arts, suddenly called upon to take charge of a home. Then let us encourage first every industry that helps to make housekeepers and home makers of our girls.

Sometimes it is said to me: "I can't join the canning club; I haven't time to do the work for I must help father in the field; I have a tobacco crop of my own that gives me some spending money." Certainly there are times when the girls must help with the farm work, but the man who makes so many demands upon his daughter's time and strength that she is unable to do the things that count for better home making, is making a big mistake.

I have even had people say to me: "I can't join the canning club, for I never could do anything to keep." I wonder what good a canning club agent would be if she couldn't show people how to do things to keep! Why not take advantage of what the county offers you and learn to can, if you do not already know how? Certainly with the high cost of living jolting us so hard, now, if ever, should we make every effort to check the waste. Let us cultivate generous gardens—mind you, I say cultivate, not just plant—get a little home canner, or contrive a home made canning outfit, and put up all the fruits and vegetables we will require next winter. Possibly we will surprise ourselves and find that we have a surplus to sell. Do not let the high cost of cans influence you. I promise you it will cost a long way more to buy canned goods next winter, or even to do without!

There are many good points connected with the canning club work that I would like to mention, if I

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PROF. NOBLE COMING

Will Lecture Under the Auspices of Culbreth Community Club

Prof. M. C. S. Noble of the department of Education of the University of North Carolina will make an address at Culbreth Friday night, March 9th.

This address is to be under the auspices of the Culbreth Community Club.

This is one of the liveliest clubs in the county. Since its organization a little over a year ago it has done a wonderful work for the community. The members have raised over two hundred dollars for the benefit of the school. Largely through the efforts of the club an exhibit was made at the county fair last fall that won first prize. Mr. W. T. Curran is president and is one of the most enthusiastic community workers in Granville county. The club is active now in trying to get a special tax for the school. The election has been called for the 17th of this month.

MR. LASSITER'S APPOINTMENT

At Most It Is Only a Matter of a Few Days

Although a new Congress comes into being on the 4th of March of every odd year, it does not, in the regular order, assemble until the first Monday of the following December. The President, however, may summon the new Congress to assemble in extra session. He may, in fact, call Congress from recess at any time for consideration of public business.

In view of the fact that Major Stedman is fully advised as to the overwhelming choice of the people of Oxford for postmaster, he states that Mr. Lassiter's appointment is only a matter of a few days.

LOVERS YOUNG DREAM

Buy Farm While on Honey Moon Trip

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moss—nee Miss Lola Cutts—who were married February 20th, returned from their bridal trip to Raleigh and Lillington Saturday, and will make their home with Mr. I. E. Adcock for the present.

Besides making many friends on their trip, Mr. Moss purchased a nice farm in Hornett county with a view of locating there at some future date.

THE GRANVILLE COUNTY FAIR

Stockholders Will Meet Friday, March 9th.

Cards have been sent out notifying the stockholders of the Granville County Fair Association that there will be an important meeting held in Oxford on Friday, March 9th. This is the regular annual meeting and from it comes the inspiration for a larger and better fair, and we trust that the meeting on next Friday will not prove an exception to the rule.

While the meeting is called to discuss the Fair in its different phases, new officers will be elected and a line of procedure mapped out. Let us hope that the stockholders will see their way clear to purchase additional land and lay out a race track this fall.

PARENTS DAY

Parents of the Oxford Graded School Urged to be Present.

We make our business a success because we take an interest in it and see that all goes well at all times. Our schools are successful just in proportion to the amount of attention and vital interest we show in their welfare. In view of this fact there is to be a day set for you to visit the school and see for yourself what is being done for your child and your neighbor's child. It seems that you will not come—(a few exceptions)—unless a day is set apart for the visit.

On next Wednesday the 7th, of March, every patron of the Oxford Graded Schools is invited and urged to be present for as much of the day as you can spare to visit the rooms and the school as a whole. The opening exercises will be held at nine o'clock and we want you here for that period. Immediately following these exercises the visitor are requested to meet in the Auditorium for a short Conference with the Superintendent. At that time some important things will be said that may be of service to you in your troubles with the children. Be certain to get here in time for that part of the Parents Day Program.

You will find things just as they are every day, for we want you to see the normal school and not the show part of it. Look at the papers on display as representative of the child's every day work.

Remember the day and above all the importance of your presence at this time.

G. B. PHILLIPS, Supt.

Mr. C. B. Strickland, local agent of the Southern Express Company, who comes to Oxford from Kittrell, is a young man of fine parts. He formerly held a traveling position with the Southern Express Company that took him to many points throughout the South and he states that he prefers to live in Oxford than any place he saw in his travels. Mr. Strickland is a fine young man and the chances are that he will take unto himself a wife and settle down in Oxford.

Mr. Luther Wilkerson of Stovall, cotton statistician for Granville, was in Oxford Tuesday morning on his return from a tour of the county.

Mr. Paul Daniel came from Wake Forest and spent the week end with home folk. He had as his guest Mr. George Quillins, also a Wake Forest student.

—Read the announcement of the Methodist Philatheas in this paper. Something nice for Saturday.

AUTO TAX CAUSE TROUBLE

AUTHORITIES AT BOYDTON BLOCKS NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Impose a Tax of Five Dollars on all Motorists Who Pass Through That Burg.

Deflection of the national highway so that automobilists travel by way of Goode's Ferry, Norlina and Henderson instead of through Oxford and Durham in their pilgrimages through this section of the country, is reported by Captain D. H. Winslow, United States highway engineer, as a result of an excessive tax imposed by the town of Boydton, Va., upon all non-resident automobilists who pass through that burg. Rather than pay the fee of five dollars exacted by Boydton officials, motorists pass up that point on the national highway and the substitute route which they have selected also leaves Oxford and Durham out of the equation, thus resulting in cutting off from these two towns a large portion of the tourist travel.

The Boydton authorities claim that they must have the extra revenue in order to insure against loss from depreciation of the roads from automobile travel and officers firmly refuse to allow non-resident motorists to pass through the town unless they pay into the municipal exchequer \$5 for each and every passage. Naturally, automobilists resent such commercialized laws and in order to escape the odious penalty they now side-step the troublesome hamlet. Oxford people see very few of the tourists making overland trips and the hotel men at Clarksville, Oxford and Durham declare that the effect of the deflection is quite appreciable.

If possible some plan will be worked out for inducing or compelling the Boydton authorities to remove the loathsome tax. If such plan is not successfully consummated the presumption is that the new route via Goode's Ferry, Norlina and Henderson, will be adopted officially as a part of the great national highway, and of course Oxford and Durham would suffer as a result of such action.

WHERE ARE OUR BOY SCOUTS?

HAS THE OXFORD TROOP GONE OUT OF EXISTENCE?

A Splendid Organization, Having For Its Motive: "To Help Other People At All Times."

The mothers and fathers should encourage their boys to join the boy scout troop which was organized in Oxford some time ago. The little men held their meetings occasionally but finally became disheartened, and if the troop is still in existence we do not know it.

The scouts are now organized all over the world, and the movement is a good one, which has already done a great deal for the boys of the world and is destined to do a great deal more.

Boys who are twelve years old and can meet the requirements are eligible for membership. The comprehensive yet very simple oath required of the scouts, and which is impressed on them every day embodies more virtues than any similar oath we know. The requirements of a scout are grouped under these three general promises:

1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Guard Your Tongue

"If wisdom ways You wisely seek Five things observe with care: Of whom you speak, To whom you speak, And how, and when and where."

Will the party who took through mistake a lady's umbrella from the Episcopal church last Sunday, please return same to this office, or to Brinkley's Photograph Gallery.

ATTENTION—TEACHERS

There will be a general teachers' meeting in Oxford Graded School, Saturday, March 10, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock. Let every teacher make an effort to be present.

MARY G. SHOTWELL.

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE
If you wish to pay your State and County Taxes for 1916 at the office and without cost, you will please do so at once. The books must go out and collections forced within the next few days. If your property gets advertised don't blame me. I'm forced to collect now. Statements furnished upon request.
S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.

PRESIDENT TAKES OATH

"No Turning Back," Says Mr. Wilson In His Inaugural Address

Washington, March 5.—President Wilson took the oath of office for his second term at noon Sunday in his room at the Capitol, and was formerly inaugurated Monday at 12:45 o'clock and delivered his inaugural address before a great crowd which packed the plaza at the east front of the Capitol.

With a new consecration to the nation's service, the President, touching on the international crisis, declared there could not be no turning back from the tragical events of the past thirty months, which have brought upon Americans a new responsibility as citizens of the world. The President declared anew that Americans must stand for peace, stability of free peoples, national equality in matters of right, that the seas must be free to all, and that the family of nations shall not support any governments not derived from the consent of the governed.

Sounding a solemn warning to the nation against any faction or intrigue to break the harmony, or embarrass the spirit, of the American people, the President called for an America "united in feeling" in purpose, and its vision of duty, of opportunity, and of service."

COLORED PEOPLE MUST WORK

Arrangements Being Perfected to Employ All Idle Labor

The fact that the Imperial Tobacco plant will close down for the season in a few days, dismissing the remainder of laborers, in all between four and five hundred, and also the Adams Company last week dismissed 120 hands, the town is full of unemployed labor. A large number of the colored people are worthy and the great majority of them are willing to work at any thing they can find to do, but there are a few of them that would rather remain idle during the summer and eak out a precarious living.

There is a concerted action now under way to find employment for all idle labor at living wages, and those who refuse to work and lay around the street corners will be compelled "to walk the plank."

It is proposed that the leading farmers of the county be consulted as to the number of laborers they will need to till the soil. In the face of the fact that a bumper crop must be produced this year, it would be nothing less than criminal for the lands to lay idle when there is a surplus of labor. The farmers are willing and anxious to employ colored people, both male and female, at living wages.

It is proposed by the business men of the community that a committee wait upon Doctor Shaw and other colored ministers of Oxford with a view of getting them to lend their support to the movement to induce the colored people to accept profitable employment.

After all this has been accomplished, Mayor Mitchell is in favor of applying drastic measures to all those who can work and "worketh not."

It is estimated that the business men of Oxford last week paid out of their private exchequer more than one hundred dollars to the able bodied colored people who asked help at their hands.

WOODWORTH—MEADOWS

Oxford Couple Wed in Richmond and Go to San Antonio, Texas

Neatly engraved cards reading as follows were issued last week:

The Announcement
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Woodworth announce the marriage of their daughter
Catherine Carrie
to

Mr. Henry Lee Meadows
on Thursday, March the first
nineteen hundred and seventeen
in Richmond, Virginia.

Happy Couple Go South

Richmond, March 4.—Just before departing for the spring training camp at San Antonio, Texas, Henry Lee Meadows, pitcher on the St. Louis Cardinals, who is well-known in Richmond, and Miss Carrie Woodworth, formerly of Richmond, but now of Oxford, N. C., were married at the home of Rev. Victor L. Marsh, the officiating minister, 1100 North Twenty-third street. Immediately after the ceremony Thursday, which was witnessed only by a few immediate members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Meadows left for Texas.

Meadows, it will be remembered, got his start at Cluster Springs Academy. He is regarded as one of the best young pitchers in the National League.

Important Work

The Woman's Club of Oxford will meet in the Library at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Important business demands attention.

HIGH SCHOOL DORMITORIES

CREEDMOOR HIGH SCHOOL LEADS IN GOOD WORK

The Gradual Improvement of the High Schools of the County is Slow But Sure.

The Creedmoor High School will have a brick dormitory by the opening of the next school term. The lot for the building has already been purchased and the plan received.

Work will begin as soon as the spring opens up. The building will be steam heated and have electric lights. It will contain rooms for about thirty students, home for a family, and dining room and kitchen.

We have now reached the second stage in the development of the public high schools of the state. Ten years ago the beginning was made and like all beginnings had to be small. Each school that applied for state and county aid had to furnish a building with at least three rooms, to have two teachers besides the high school teacher, to furnish at least \$250 by local tax or private subscription, and to have not less than 10 high school students, and a term of not less than six months. These were small requirements, but were about as much as should be expected of the best of the rural districts at that time.

These schools necessarily served only the district in which they were located with perhaps a few from the surrounding districts that could drive to school, and a few who were fortunate enough to get board in private families of friends or relatives.

At that time there was little demand for high school instruction in the strictly rural sections of the county. The terms of the public schools were short, the work done largely in one-teacher, ungraded schools. Under these circumstances very few pupils were able to get up to the high school grades. As a matter of record ten years ago there were only 25 pupils in the rural public schools of the county doing high school work.

The gradual improvement of the rural schools; the increase in the number of teachers and consequently the better grading of the work, the increase in the length of the terms and better attendance, have brought about a different condition. These two and three teacher local tax schools are giving a more thorough elementary education to hundreds of boys and girls. These boys and girls are not only prepared for high school education at a comparatively early age but are inspired to push on and get this higher training.

What are we going to do for these ambitious young people living too far from the high schools to attend them from home? Are we going to say to them you must stop with your elementary course, or go to some high priced private school? They then come forward with this question, "Isn't the state appropriating money for public high schools. Why should we not share in this appropriation?"

The only way to answer this demand is for the high schools to provide a boarding place for outside students. This then is the next important step in the development of these schools. Creedmoor has lifted her foot to take this step. Who comes next?
J. F. WEBB.

FORECASTING THE FUTURE

Oxford Merchants and Milliners Return From the North

While the cost of manufacturing in this country is enhanced somewhat, the Oxford merchants return from the Northern markets with glad tidings. Each and all were enabled to get good stocks of standard goods at inviting prices.

In our rounds we learn from the home merchants that there will necessarily be a slight advance in the price of certain lines of goods, and of course, this includes the price of shoes.

PLANTING OF SMALL SEEDS

Valuable Paper Read by Mrs. J. D. Brinkley

On the second page of this paper will be found a most interesting and instructive paper prepared by Mrs. J. D. Brinkley and read before the Garden and Forestry Department of the Woman's Club. A mistake in the headline of the article was printed before we discovered the error. The paper, as stated above, was read before the Garden and Forestry Department of the Oxford Woman's Club.

Interesting Meeting

There will be a very important meeting of the Commercial Club in the club rooms Thursday night, March 8th. The life of the club depends upon the interest shown in, and the success of this meeting.
JAS. A. TAYLOR, Sec'y.