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COUNTY COMMENCEMENT FINALS

THE LINEUP NEXT FRIDAY MORNING AT 10:30

The Committeemen Will March With Their Own Schools—Practically Everything is Ready for the Big Event.

The line of march for the parade the day of the county commencement will begin at 10:30 o'clock, Friday, March 23rd. Instead of using the township plan of assembling in line, the schools will follow the group plan used through the winter for the teachers' meeting. The names of the group center school will be placed on the grounds of the Oxford graded school building and schools belonging to these groups will assemble back of each group center school. The committeemen of all the schools are asked to march with their own school and the line will form as follows:

Seventh grade graduates.
Group 1—Browning.
Group 2—Wilton.
Group 3—Creedmoor.
Group 4—Stem.
Group 5—Howard.
Group 6—Clarke.
Group 7—Stovall.
Oxford Graded school.
Every one is asked to assemble promptly at 10 o'clock on the grounds of the Oxford graded school so that the line of march can begin at 10:30.

Program
The program has not been printed but the contests will be held at the following places:

Declamation and recitation contest after which the seventh grade certificates will be presented, will be held in courthouse.

The reading, story-telling and chorus contests will be held in the building of Oxford graded school and the basket ball games will be played on the court of the school grounds.

The track events and baseball will be played at Horner Park.

All of these contests will be open to the public except the story-telling which is open to the parents and teachers of pupils entering the contests.

Parents, Attention
Be sure that your child is properly clad for a March day. Sometimes children have been allowed to come without their coats and their dresses were very thin. Please look into this and see that your little girl has on a thick white middie blouse suit or something similar and thus prevent her from taking cold in case the weather is unsettled.

Exhibit
Teachers may send in exhibit any time between now and noon of March 22nd. No exhibit will be received after noon of Thursday so please try to get your exhibit there early in the week. If you have not the card board send to the county superintendent's office for it.

Bird Houses
All bird houses must be in the office before noon of Thursday as well as other things exhibited in manual arts. The essays must be sent in by March 16th so they can be corrected.

Debate
The county high school debate will be held Thursday night, March 22nd and the public is invited to attend. The query for discussion is: "Resolved: That Granville county should issue \$200,000 in bonds for Public Roads." Creedmoor and Knap of Reeds will debate against Oxford and Stem.

Names of Contestants

On account of the wet weather the contests in athletics have not been held so this gives all schools an opportunity of entering finals provided the names of contestants and events they enter are sent to the office right away. Please do not forget to do this, if your pupils want to enter these contests.

BRINGS HONOR TO OXFORD

Mr. Elliott Cooper Captured National City Bank Scholarship

President Graham, of the University of North Carolina, states that Mr. Elliott Cooper, of Oxford, has been selected by the committee of the holders of the National City Bank scholarship for the coming year. Mr. Cooper stood first; Robert deRossett, second; William Grimes, third. A representative of the National City Bank of New York will meet Mr. Cooper sometime during the spring. A nice little salary goes with the job, and possibly Mr. Cooper may spend his vacation this summer in the Bank of England.

Elliott is the second son of Col. and Mrs. Henry G. Cooper.

Apron Sale and Tea

The Ladies Aid Society of the Oxford Baptist church will hold an apron sale and tea Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock in the Oxford library. The public is cordially invited.

LAUDS CITY OFFICERS

Visitor Pleased With the Fine Work Accomplished

Painting Oxford's future in very glowing and brilliant terms, and at the same time drawing the passing years back in imaginative fancy, a recent gentleman visitor to our town gave the Public Ledger a very pleasant surprise when he mentioned the fact that he could easily recall the days when Oxford was nothing more than a mere hamlet and only played a small part in the daily business life of the county; and, which today forms a very strange comparison for the wonderful things that have transpired for the betterment and growth of the town during the intervening years.

Pointing out the many changes here and there in the business and residential section of Oxford in the years that have gone before, the visitor related fact after fact dealing with the past advancement and growth of the town. He appeared greatly pleased with the fine work that had in the past been accomplished by the progressive business men, and paid glowing tribute to the fine work of the present Board of Commissioners. He said that the coming years held great things in store for the progressive people, and, more for the town, as its past progress and the present spirit of progressiveness plainly depicted the fact that in a very few years the present Oxford would not be recognized as one time being associated with the dreamy little hamlet which a few short years had transformed into one of the most thriving small cities in North Carolina.

COL. FRED OLDS HERE

Made Three Short Talks in Oxford Tuesday

Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, and one of the most delightful men in the State, paid a visit to Oxford last Tuesday, and while here spoke to the senior class at the Oxford graded school and later to the young ladies at Oxford college.

Col. Olds has 399 sweethearts in Oxford, the most of them being orphan children. He was the guest of Mr. R. L. Brown, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage and it would do you good to see the big hearted man entertain the children in his own inimitable way.

Real Estate Transfers

A. A. Chapman and wife and others to Mrs. F. H. Gregory, two acres of land in town of Stovall, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

J. G. Stem, commissioner, to A. T. Hart, \$120 acres of land, consideration \$1250.

A. W. Graham to A. W. Graham, Jr., and B. W. Parham, 101 acres of land in Walnut Grove township, consideration \$1500.

W. H. Cannady and wife to Dr. T. T. Frazier two town lots in Oxford, \$1500.

L. J. Hicks and wife to Sam Owen, lot in town of Oxford, consideration \$700.

James Winston and wife to J. A. Williams and L. F. Perkins, lot in Oxford, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

S. M. Watkins and wife to C. C. Currin, 50 1-4 acres of land in county, consideration \$512.50.

Ralph Jones and wife to Geo. P. Roberts, 100 acres of land, consideration \$1250.

E. L. Aiken and wife to J. H. Moor, 1 3-10 acres of land in Creedmoor, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Day of Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday, March 20th, as a part of the Week of the Pilgrimage of Prayer, will be observed in St. Stephen's church. From 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. intercessory prayer will be offered before the altar, without ceasing. The members of the Womans Auxiliary and others, divide the time in relays. At the regular 5 o'clock service the individual intercessions will be gathered into one offering to God by the whole parish, as such. At 5:30 the Te Deum will be sung as a Thanksgiving for the privileges of the day and pilgrimage. The Christian women of Oxford are cordially invited to share in this service.

Williams-Gibbs

The following announcement has been received in Oxford:

"Mr. and Mrs. George Poole Frothingham announces the marriage of their sister, Laura Bagley Williams, to Mr. James Poyas on Saturday the tenth of nineteen hundred and seventeen, Hampton, Va. At home after the eighteenth of March, Hotel Saint George, Brooklyn, New York."

Mrs. Gibbs is well known in Oxford, and is the daughter of the late Dr. J. B. Williams and a sister of Mrs. Harry Williams.

Services at Browning

Rev. J. D. Hart, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, will preach at Browning school next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

THREATEN NATION-WIDE STRIKE

UNLESS RAILROADS GRANT DEMAND OF EMPLOYERS FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Plan is to Have Employes on Certain Group of Roads Go Out Saturday, and a New Group Go Out Every Twenty-Four Hours Thereafter Until All Roads in the Country Are Affected. Entire Membership of the Brotherhoods Behind the Demands.

NEW YORK, March 15.

Strict secrecy was thrown about the meeting here today between the national chiefs of the brotherhoods of railroad employes and Eastern brotherhood officials to discuss plans under which a strike may be called Saturday if the chiefs at the conference with the railroad managers fail to attain the desired results.

The Southeastern union officials were told by the brotherhood chiefs that the strike orders had been arranged so as to have the walk-out begin on a certain group of roads at 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Saturday, March 17, and gradually extend to all roads in the country by next Wednesday.

Each 24 hours until Wednesday, a new group would be affected. This progressive system, the union men say, was adopted to avoid paralyzing traffic suddenly throughout the entire country, and to give railroads a chance to stop the strike's spread by meeting the union demands, if they wish.

It is said that the contemplated strike will be so conducted as not to interfere with troops and munition trains, and that, should America enter formally into war, no strike at all will be attempted.

NOTICE!

Trespassers Will Be Shot Without Warning

This notice was posted Tuesday at the entrance to the Philadelphia Navy Yard, orders being issued to the guards, at the same time, that its provisions were to be carried out.

GERMAN SHIPS SEIZED

The Celestial Empire Gets In the World War

Washington, March 15.—China has served diplomatic relations with Germany, taken possession of all German merchant ships in Shanghai, about six in number, and placed their crews under surveillance. Advances to the Navy Department say that armed troops have been placed in charge.

THE KAISER'S STRATEGY

U-Boats May Mask Blow at Italy and Russia

Washington, March 16.—The first effects of the German submarine drive have already been felt by Italy and Russia, according to military experts here, and Germany is preparing to strike one or both of those countries in the expectation of dealing a crushing blow.

It never was Hindenburg's plan to "starve England," according to the same authorities. He realized that in self-defense England would first withdraw her tonnage from the service of her allies, and this, it is declared, is what already has happened.

Germany is known to have shifted large bodies of troops from the western front lately. Hindenburg's strategy at present aims at the definite elimination of Russia or Italy or both.

LABORERS GO NORTH

National Government Calls for Mechanics and Helpers

The big munition plants and navy yards throughout the country are calling lustily for mechanics and laborers.

The circular issued by the government and posted at all postoffices throughout the country, states that no educational examination will be required, but the applicants will be rated upon the evidence of their experience and physical ability.

The schedule of prices, as outlined by the government, ranges from the day laborer at \$2.25 to skilled mechanics at \$5.00 per day.

Thirty-three colored people left Oxford this week, the most of them going to Philadelphia, three to Boston and five to Norfolk.

—Don't mind a man telling us of his wondrous deeds, but we wish he wouldn't expect us to turn right around and pin him full of hero medals.

GROWING OXFORD MUST HAVE MORE AND BETTER SCHOOL FACILITIES

WILL ENTERTAIN THE SOLDIERS

Mayor Mitchell is Chairman of the Committee

In response to the call issued by Mayor Mitchell, looking to the entertainment of the soldier boys on their return from Camp Glenn some time in the near future, a representative gathering of the citizens assembled at the Commercial Club room Thursday night to discuss the proposition. It was practically agreed that much "Feed" and little oratory was the proper thing.

The following committee was named to look after the details: Mayor Mitchell, chairman; Col. Henry G. Cooper, Major Will Landis, John R. Hall, Leo Byrum, John Ellington, Capt. Wm. H. Fleming. This committee will act with a similar committee of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Quite a sentiment prevailed at the meeting Thursday night to entertain the soldiers in one of the large warehouses. It was the Daughters of the Confederacy that filled the boys' hearts with patriotism and sent them to the border rejoicing, and on their return the Daughters know what best to do. The two committees working in harmony will make it an event worthwhile.

REFERENCE LIBRARY

To Encourage Road Building in North Carolina By State Aid

Mr. W. S. Wilson, Legislative Reference Librarian, is sending out copies of the new bill entitled "An act to encourage road building in North Carolina by State's aid," which was enacted at the recent session of the General Assembly.

This act provides for the creation semi-annually of a state road fund of \$400,000, or \$800,000 each year, for the next forty-one years, which will be loaned to the counties complying with the law at the rate of five per cent per annum which will in that period pay both interest and principal.

The first loans under this act will be made July 1, 1917.

In order to secure such loans twenty-five per cent of the qualified voters of the county must sign a petition, which will be filed with the Board of County Commissioners, asking for an election, which will be held on the second Tuesday in May, 1917.

A new registration is necessary, and all the formalities for such election required by the general election law must be complied with. Since such election must be held in less than sixty days, it is absolutely necessary that quick action be taken by the counties desiring to secure road money under this act.

In a note to the editor, Mr. Wilson, the librarian, says: "I shall be glad if you will print in your next issue a statement setting forth the above facts so that the necessary petitions may be circulated and signed without delay so that elections may be legally called for the 8th of May."

Mr. Wilson will be glad to supply copies of the law and blank petitions to interested persons.

TO START ON RAILROAD SOON

Owners of Charter Want to "Find Out Just What the Legislature Did."

Speaking of the charter of the railroad to be built from Wilson via Henderson, Oxford and Roxboro to a point on the west side of Person county, the Henderson Daily Dispatch says:

"Owners of the Henderson-Wilson railroad charter granted to local persons by the recent session of the General Assembly have declared that they are planning to begin business 'as soon as they can find out just what the Legislature did' about the new charter. They know, of course, that the General Assembly passed the charter bill which they asked, but they have not had time since the body adjourned to acquaint themselves with the nature of a great deal of railroad legislation passed.

"Then, too, the point is made that they are anxious to see what the turn of events there will be in the great national crisis now facing the United States. They feel certain that the money can be had, and if the outlook for building during the next few weeks is good, and the financial markets are not unusually depressed, they expect to push their project to action as soon as possible. Persons interested in the movement do not intend to allow the charter to expire without being used, their plan being to begin work on the preliminaries when the details of the plans are worked out."

—Sunday newspapers all about the war, PITTMAN & HERRING, Hall's Drug Store. Feb 24th.

TO SUCCEED MAJOR STEDMAN

TWO GRANVILLE MEN ARE MENTIONED FOR CONGRESS

It is Generally Believed that Col. Osborn, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Will Not Make the Race for Congress.

The contest for the Democratic nomination for congress in this, the fifth district, next year promises to be one of the star political attractions in North Carolina. The information revealed that Maj. Charles M. Stedman, who has represented this district in the house for several terms has decided not to ask for another nomination, recalls the campaign last summer, when the major, on account of ill health, was unable to enter actively into the campaign, Gen. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, making several speeches in the district in behalf of democracy and incidentally in behalf of Major Stedman. It may be interesting to note, as political gossip is already on, that Granville may have two candidates for the Major's place. The Durham Sun says:

"Hon. Victor S. Bryant, when asked regarding his probable entry into the congressional job, had no definite statement. He admitted that he has had an ambition for a congressional seat, but said that his mind was not definitely made up on the question. It is hinted in local political circles that should Mr. Bryant run he will be opposed by Gen. Beverly Royster and possibly Judge W. A. Devin, of Granville county."

The Reidsville Review sizes up the situation as follows:

"Rockingham may have two or three candidates for the Major's place. Lawyers C. O. McMichael and A. D. Ivie may enter the race, while it is known that Geo. A. Mebane, a former countyman, now of Guilford, announced his candidacy the day after the election in November. Rumor has it that others who may throw their hat in the ring are: Gen. B. S. Royster, of Granville, and Victor S. Bryant, of Durham; A. H. Eller and Erastus B. Jones, of Foy-syth; Col. W. T. Osborn, A. L. Brooks and A. M. Scales of Guilford."

Continuing, the Reidsville Review says: "Local politicians do not believe there is any truth in the report coming from Washington that Col. Osborn, commissioner of internal revenue, wants to represent this district in congress and that he has decided to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination next year. Colonel Osborn has a bigger job, in the opinion of some of his friends, and the splendid record made by his office the past year is regarded as a guarantee of his reappointment by President Wilson. Anyhow, it is accepted in political circles, that the colonel's influence will be felt in the contest for the nomination. If he has a preference at this time it has not been revealed. It is known that the commissioner has always been an ardent admirer of and a true friend of Major Stedman and it has been stated on more than one occasion that the colonel, in reality, was largely responsible for the major's political success."

While it is admittedly a little bit too early to say just who will be the next representative from the fifth district, yet it is the opinion of knowing ones, that the forthcoming race promises to be one of genuine interest throughout the district.

FEBRUARY TOBACCO SALES

Winston-Salem Led in Warehouse Sales

The total leaf tobacco sales by the warehouses of the various leaf markets in this State during February aggregated 3,093,448 pounds, of which 2,606,327 was first-hand for the growers. This represents a tremendous falling off as compared with the sales for February, 1916, when the total sales amounted to 10,444,700 pounds.

Winston-Salem led last month with 703,708 pounds and Rocky Mount was second with 477,010 pounds. Some other markets were as follows: Oxford, 176,482; Durham 284,316; Greenville, 48,350; Roxboro, 161,879; Henderson, 227,978; Louisburg, 35,476.

Handsome Line of Furniture

We call attention of our readers to the handsome line of furniture announced by Upchurch and Currin elsewhere in this paper. The prices are right, too.

An Invitation

On the third page of this paper will be found the announcement of the opening of the four big stores in Henderson next Wednesday and Thursday. An invitation is extended to the people of Granville to be present.

—Do not miss reading in this issue the letter of C. D. Ray and Son.