

PUBLIC LEDGER

PUBLISHED SEMI-WEEKLY — TOWN AND COUNTY OFFER RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES — ALL HOME PRINT

VOLUME XXXII.

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA, SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST, 1917

NUMBER 26

WARM WELCOME TO SOLDIERS

HUNDREDS PAY HOMAGE TO THE GRANVILLE GRAYS.

Had the Mustering Out Process Been Delayed Two Hours, Company E. Would have not Been Mustered Out.

At eight o'clock Tuesday evening the train from Durham, containing Company E, Third Regiment North Carolina National Guard, arrived at the passenger station and lustily shouts of welcome from the throats of men, women and children who had assembled to witness the homecoming of the soldiers after an absence of nine months were indicative of the spirit of appreciation of the services rendered by the men which actuated the great throng of people present. With flags flying and the band playing, homage was paid to the returning soldiers who spent several months protecting the Nation's interest on the Mexican Border. The spirit of patriotism and of welcome was indelibly stamped in the faces of the fifteen hundred people at the station and the Court House.

Speeches and Songs.

Only a few minutes were consumed in detaining and the march to the court house. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the fatigue of the troops, the exercises of welcome were cut short. Mayor Mitchell presided over the meeting and introduced Hon. D. G. Brummitt who delivered an address of welcome.

Mr. Brummitt did not speak over five minutes, but his speech was the very quintessence of patriotism, oratory and whole-souled welcome. "One of the highest duties a man can perform is that of being a soldier," and here Mr. Brummitt commended the men for following the red, white and blue. "You have become better citizens," he said, "because of your service on the Mexican border."

Dr. Horsefield, Col. H. G. Cooper and Major Landis also made short talks, and the speakers were followed with patriotic airs.

The Men Commended.

Major Landis read a telegram which he received late in the afternoon from Adjutant General B. S. Royster, at Raleigh, commending the men for their splendid service. A copy of the telegram follows:

"Please express to the officers and members of your military organization my sincere personal and official appreciation of the splendid service rendered by them since their mustering into the service of the Federal government. Their conduct has been such as to reflect credit upon the state and the community from which they came. My best wishes will always abide with them."

"B. S. ROYSTER, Adjutant General."

After the welcome exercises at the Court House, the soldiers marched to the armory to store the company's equipment. The company was in command of Captain Fuller.

The Banquet

The dining room of the Exchange Hotel never looked more inviting, nor could a more tempting menu be devised to please the soldiers. Red, white, and blue electric lights defined the archway leading to the dining room; and the National colors in bunting predominated everywhere, and on the table were beautiful white carnations. Rev. S. K. Phillips asked the blessing, then followed the menu: First, grape fruit; second, oysters; third, turkey, ham, chicken salad, relishes, white bread, biscuits, coffee; fourth, block cream, cake; fifth, Habana cigars, cigarettes.

There were forty-eight seated at the table, and besides the soldiers and the committee we noticed the ministers of Oxford and Mr. J. Robt. Wood, who was in command of the Granville Grays during the Spanish-American war.

While the soldiers were seated at the table, Misses Mary Webb, Berte Hutchings and other ladies who were gathered in the parlors, rendered most delightful music. On the part of the ladies, especially the Daughters of the Confederacy, the community spirit of patriotism manifested itself very strong in making the entertainment a grand success.

(Continued On Page Five)

A DIRTY TRICK.

One That Was Calculated to Damage Autos.

Some one this week dumped a load of old tin cans, broken glass and pieces of iron poles and sharp pointed castings in the Oxford Henderson road, at a point opposite the home of Mr. H. H. Eatman. Mr. Eatman selected a few specimens from the dump and brought them to the Public Ledger Office. The offense being committed outside of Oxford, it is a case for the high sheriff to handle.

Landscape Gardening For Home Grounds

TALK MADE BY MRS. R. G. LASSITER RECENTLY TO THE GARDEN AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The most important step in the transformation of a house into a home is the judicious planting of trees or in such a way as to combine the house with the surrounding landscape to make one seem a natural part of the other.

In reading of an architect's home, I found this:

The house seems to fraternize with the trees as if it had settled itself in the friendly spirit of not wishing to usurp the place of any living thing.

Of another house I read this description:

The planting and the border gardens joined to give a solid mass of foliage out of which the house grew.

This transformation or blending of the house with the surroundings is best accomplished by a planting around the basement walls so as to hide the ground line, and much of the foundation stone work.

FOUNDATION PLANTINGS

I do not think there is anything more needed in Oxford at the present time than foundation plantings. But no plantings should be made without much study and forethought. In selecting plants, first of all, the architecture of the house has to be considered with its porch and border space. Each style of house should be treated differently, for the very first principle of landscape gardening is PROPORTION and second, that it should express CHARACTER. Many types of plants are available for this foundation planting. One person would perhaps prefer planting entirely of evergreens, while another would prefer blooming shrubs, and a third would prefer a mixture of both. I shall name some of the most suitable.

EVERGREENS.

The first requirements of a Coniferous evergreen for foundation use is that it shall not outgrow the situation in which it is placed. Practically all forms of the Chinese Arbor Vitae are both useful and beautiful. There are also many varieties of the American Arbor Vitae which are exceptionally desirable for these plantings. The Junipers and Cedars also furnish many varieties well adapted to this purpose and the Japanese Cypress are very largely used. There are only two pines which can be recommended, the Mugho or Dwarf Mountain Pine and the Swiss Mountain Pine. Both of these are low dome shaped, plants which are indispensable for large foundations in a mixed planting. The Colorado Blue Spruce is a beautiful evergreen but it grows rather tall I would advise using it with a group of dark evergreens on the lawn rather than for foundation planting. There is only one Spruce dwarf enough to recommend and two Yews; namely, the spreading English Yew, and the Japanese Yew. Then there are the broad leaved evergreens, the Rhododendrons and Laurels, which do well on the shady side of the house.

BLOOMING SHRUBS

Of the flowering shrubs none is more effective or graceful than the Shired Von Route though I have seen Hydrangeas used with wonderful effect. Other blooming shrubs suitable for this planting are the Deutzias, Golden Bell, the dwarf, Japanese Snow Ball and Azaleas.

JAPANESE MAPLES

I also recommend the beautiful Japanese Maples. They are graceful in habit and their foliage of green, red and yellow is indeed lovely.

TREES FOR THE LAWN.

Now when you have made a pleasing setting for your house make a picture of your lawn. Of course, first of all, grass and trees are necessary to the beauty of it. Not only should care be given to the selection of your trees but in the landscape arrangement of them is of great importance. If a windbreak or screen is needed, a group of low branched Horn Beam, Beech, Dogwood, Oaks and Pine would look well. For boundary planting use Beech. For a specimen tree on the lawn or in boundary planting, I do not know of anything more beautiful than Schwedler's purple leaved maple. There are many other varieties of maples suitable for lawn planting among them Scarlet, Sugar and Silver.

The Scarlet Oak produces a gorgeous effect when planted in front of dark evergreens, and by the way, it seems that all these years we have had a mistaken idea about the growth of the oaks. The Black and Scarlet Oaks grow 2 to 3 1-2 feet a year, really it is faster than maples. However, it is best to plant small trees as a little tree 1 foot high will overtake one 5 feet high.

BLOOMING TREES

Where blooming trees are desired let me first of all recommend a group of Dogwood and Red Bud selected from our woods. The red flowering Dogwood is ideal for planting among shrubbery. Soulanges Magnolia is attractive.

(Continued On Page Three)

GRAYS TO STAY AT HOME

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST ORDERS INSPECTION.

Which Seems to Imply That the Oxford Company Will not be Called Into the Federal Service Soon.

RALEIGH, March 30—Adjutant-General Royster yesterday issued an order providing for the annual inspection of the various units of the Third Infantry at their local armories, after receiving a telegram from the Department of the East approving of the itinerary arrangement. The inspection will begin in Raleigh April 2, and end at Ashboro April 30.

SIGN OF THE TIMES.

Providence and Stovall Want High Schools.

The failure of the Stem community to vote the bonds for improving the High Schools there has raised the hope in some of the other districts of the county. Providence and Stovall both will send delegation to Oxford Monday to make application for the establishing of high schools. Stovall has a building well adapted for dormitory purposes. The upper story of the Dickerson building is divided into rooms and can easily accommodate 30 student. The people of Providence also claim that they will make all the necessary arrangements for taking care of boarding students.

When men like Graham Daniel, J. W. Davis and Willie Lee Currin of Providence, and Dr. Taylor, D. A. Burwell, and J. T. Spicer, of Stovall, go down after anything somebody else will have to wake up to beat them.

One of the most remarkable changes in attitude towards the value of high schools has been in the minds of the business men. Even from the business standpoint they are beginning to look upon such schools as a most valuable investment. This was clearly shown in the recent election at Stem in the fact that only one business man in the place opposed it.

The best and cheapest way to educate children is to build up good schools at home.

THE CLOSING HOUR

Stores Establish Closing Hour for the Summer.

Beginning Monday, April 2nd, the under-signed Merchants of Oxford agree to close their stores at 6 p. m. during the week and 10 p. m. on Saturdays. The same to continue during the summer months.

TAYLOR BROTHERS.
PERKINSON-GREEN CO.
THE LONG CO.
BREEDLOVE & McFARLAND.
L. THOMAS.
H. J. COUNCIL.
J. T. SZEMORE.
PETE BULLOCK.
HUGHES-SMAW FURN. CO.
OXFORD HDW. CO.
HOWELL BROS.
R. S. MONTAGUE.
ACME HDW. CO.
J. ROBT. WOOD.
LANDIS & EASTON.
COHN & SON.
M. KAPLON.
UPCHURCH & CURRIN 6:30.
LYON-WINSTON CO.
HORNER BROS. CO. 6 TO 6:30.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE.

The Treasurer Will Occupy Front Room in Court House

In order to be more accessible to the people, Treasurer Robards will this week be found in the front room on the north side of the court house. He will share the office with Mr. T. Lanier. A sign, which is now being painted and reads "Treasurer's Office," will be placed above the door.

Triangular Debate.

This Friday night at eight o'clock the Oxford High School will debate the High School from the State Normal. The question is: Resolved, "That the Federal Government Should own and Operate the Railroads." The Public is cordially invited.

Messrs. William Webb and Geo. Hunt will debate the same question at the same hour in Greensboro. Superintendent Phillips, of the Oxford Graded School, is with them.

Tuesday, April 3.

Dr. S. Rapport will be at Oxford at the Exchange Hotel, Tuesday April 3rd. Let me supply you with spectacles or eyeglasses. The proper glasses will prevent future trouble and relieve the present strain of your eyes. march311t

Rules For Promotion At the Graded School

SUPERINTENDENT PHILLIPS ISSUES CIRCULARS TO PATRONS OF OXFORD GRADED SCHOOL.

The following set of rules has been sent to every parent who has a child in the Oxford Graded School. The purpose in sending out such a set of rules are to inform the public that a definite policy will be pursued in making our schools what they ought to be. Without a plan no house can be started right. Unless the plan is followed the house will never be finished. With this in mind please remember that it is the purpose of the present administration to start the house by a plan and to see that it is followed. The patrons can help much in making a success of the schools by remembering that a community is made up of many individuals and that no public institution can be operated for one or two persons. The greater good must be considered.

All reasonable requests will be considered but exceptions will not be made.

Rules Covering Promotion.

To Patrons of Graded School:

I. Proper Grading is absolutely essential for the sake of the Child and the School.

II. Any pupil of any grade who conditioned on one subject must pass on that subject before entering the next grade.

III. Any pupil who is conditioned on two subjects must pass on both subjects before entering the next grade.

IV. Any pupil who is conditioned on more than two subjects must remain in the same grade as before.

V. Any pupil who is conditioned on either term of any subject must abide by the above rules.

VI. Examinations will be given at the Graded School during the week preceding the fall opening, under the direction of the Superintendent.

These regulations are published so that the parents and children may know what to expect. Justice to all and efficiency in the school room demand that you help to carry out these rules. G. B. PHILLIPS.

STEM NEWS ITEMS.

(Correspondence Public Ledger)

A Strong Sermon.

Rev. H. G. Bryant preached at Tally Ho last Sunday, a sermon of great power and practicability, based on the text, "Lord I would follow thee, but," and showed clearly that there was no excuse for refusing to follow Christ. Rev. Bryant is doing a good work in this charge and has steadily grown in the confidence and esteem of the people of this community. In the regular church conference, Brother W. J. Royster was re-elected Supt. of the Sunday School. Lassiter-Watkins.

Of local interest here was the marriage of Miss Aleta Lassiter and Mr. J. B. Watkins, both of Wake county, which took place on the evening of March 28th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lassiter near Raleigh. They arrived in Stem Friday afternoon and stopped over until Saturday, the guest of Mrs. W. H. Whittaker, a relative of the bride.

Personal Mentions.

Mrs. W. T. Franklin, of Rougemont, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Stem of Tally Ho.

Mr. J. W. Farabow, the popular carrier on Stem Route 3, has joined the "joy riders."

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Moore, of Baden, N. C. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore on Route 3.

Bank examiner H. L. Newbold, visited the Bank of Stem, Friday and complimented the institution on the condition in which he found the business.

Mr. H. G. Colman, of Lyon has just completed an artesian well.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Currin, of Tar River, Mr. Ajax Walters, of Stem and Rev. H. G. Bryant were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daniel, of Tally Ho, Sunday.

Mr. J. R. Oakley, of Oxford Route 6, is building four rooms to his residence.

The Methodist parsonage which has not been regularly occupied for the past four years, is now undergoing much needed repairs.

Mr. R. G. Taylor, has opened a cafe in connection with his store near the depot and will be prepared to serve his patrons in this capacity in the future.

Mr. W. R. Whitaker, who recently purchased a new car is ready to accommodate the traveling public at all times.

Successful Spring Opening.

Attention is called to the attractive announcement of the Anchore Store on the fourth page of this paper. An immense stock of the season's best goods. march311t

NAVY OFFERS INDUCEMENTS

SERVICE IS STILL SHORT THIRTEEN THOUSAND MEN

Recruits Become Eligible for Examination for Appointment to Annapolis to Become Officers in the Service..

Washington, March 28.—The Navy is short 13,514 men of its present authorized enlisted strength of 74,500 and efforts to speed up recruiting are being redoubled. This month has seen the largest recruiting record with a net increase of 1,974. Since Congress authorized the 74,500 total in September, 5,454 men have been added to the Navy's personnel. It was stated today that the authorized strength is sufficient to put the present ships of the navy up to their present war time complements.

To induce recruiting, Congress provided that one hundred enlisted men a year should be selected by examination for appointment to the Naval Academy. An unusually high type of men are enlisting, it is declared.

The way to commissions in the Marine Corps and the responsible and well-paid positions as warrant or petty officers is also being opened as fully as possible to boys who enlist.

A recruit need serve only one year in the navy to be eligible to examination for appointment to Annapolis, and every possible opportunity for study and instruction to enable him to pass the examination is furnished aboard the ships or at the training stations.

DISTINGUISHED CAST.

In the Fall of a Nation at the Orpheum April 9-10.

In booking the "Fall of a Nation" at the Orpheum on Monday and Tuesday, April 9th and 10th, the management has been careful to select an acting piece of great merit as well as a lavishly staged spectacle. There are four roles of capital importance, and they are entrusted to Author Shirley, Lorraine Huling, Percy Standing and Flora MacDonald.

Mr. Shirley, who plays the heroic part of John Vassar, is a fine actor of Australian antecedents and great American success at the motion picture colony of Los Angeles. Opposite him in the equally important part of Virginia Holland, the heroine, is Miss Lorraine Huling. Miss Huling is a golden-haired beauty who made her New York debut in "Prunella" under Winthrop Ames. Her subsequent success in the screen in "The Fall of a Nation" has caused a lively scramble for her services on the part of leading motion picture companies.

Percy Standing is a scion of the wellknown theatrical family of Standings. His sinister style lends itself admirably to the dark plottings of Karl von Waldorn, the enemy of American liberties.

As for Miss Flora MacDonald, she is undoubtedly the greatest emotional actress that the "silent drama" has disclosed in many a day. Her depiction of Angela Benda, the Italian girl-mother and caviary messenger of the Daughters of Jael, was praised to the skies by the New York, Chicago and Los Angeles critics.

CAPT. STEM HERE.

Popular Citizen Looks Good and Strong.

Capt. Thad G. Stem, mayor-elect of Oxford, is a regimental officer. He did not reach Oxford with the Granville Grays, being detained on official duty in Raleigh. When he arrived Wednesday he went direct home and the best of us have seen very little of him.

"The next time I go to war," said Capt. Stem, "I will take my family with me, if it is this side of the Atlantic."

War May Come.

That is a timely suggestion of Horner Brothers Company on the second page of this paper. He who in this day and time reminds the farmers of the great scarcity of food-stuffs and meats is a public benefactor.

The two pretty daughters of Mr. Mac Bragg and the Misses Katie Lee and Othelia Minor, of Tally Ho, were in Oxford Thursday. Boys, you ought to see the handsome hats these young ladies bought.

See Dr. Rapport at the Exchange Hotel, Tuesday, April 3rd. The Dr. takes a personal interest in each pair of glasses he fits, and his 20 years of experience in one line of practice is a factor. He can certainly please you. Will be in Oxford Tuesday, April 3rd. march311t