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OXFORD GRADED SCHOOLS

LARGE CROWD ATTEND CLOSING EXERCISES.

Dean H. M. Stacy Will Deliver the Address in the School Auditorium at Eight O'clock This Friday Evening.

When Dean H. M. Stacy, one of the strongest speakers in the State, has delivered his address in the auditorium at the Graded School building at eight o'clock this Friday evening, followed by the presentation of medals and diplomas and the reading of distinctions, the present term will close. Without a single exception it has been the most successful session in the history of the school.

Graduating Exercises

The auditorium was packed to its utmost capacity Thursday evening to witness the graduating exercises of one of the finest classes that has ever finished at the Oxford Graded School. The Salutatory of Marion Sneed was timely and to the point. The essay of Miss Sarah Hoskins Cannady brought to light much valuable history appertaining to the Red Cross Society. The oration of Robert Alexander Parham, as applied to history in the making, using Patrick Henry's famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech, was a marvel. And the essay of Miss Hazel Elizabeth Thompson, entitled "Commercial Aspects of the War," was a splendid review of present day events.

Class Exercises.

As class exercises must show much original work there is no surer index to the character and ability of the student. The following young people acquitted themselves with marked ability. From a newspaper standpoint we judge that some of them burned the midnight oil:

History.....John Marion Sneed
Poem.....Nina Horner Cooper
Prophecy.....Sarah Hoskins Cannady,
Will.....James Whitaker Ballou
Characteristics.....William Webb
Valedictory.....Robert Alexander Parham.

Graduating Class

The graduating class numbers fifteen, and are as follows:

JOHN MARION SNEED,
SARAH HOSKINS CANNADY,
HAZEL ELIZABETH THOMPSON,
ROBT. ALEXANDER PARHAM,
NINA HORNER COOPER,
EMMIE COOPER MEDFORD,
JAME WHITAKER BALLOU,
FRANCES MITCHELL,
TREVIA ESTELLA GARMAN,
JOSEPH WHITE TAYLOR,
WILLIAM WEBB,
GEORGE PENN HUNT,
LOIS CLYDE WOOD,
JESSIE VIMERA WHITE,
SIDNEY JONES WALTERS.

GRANVILLE COUNTY VETERANS.

Get In Line For The Reunion at Washington.

Our honorable board of County Commissioners nobly remembered us by voting to pay our railroad fare to the Reunion in Washington June 4 to 8. We are anxious to know the name and command of every veteran who will go with us. Every veteran will please notify me at once, so that transportation can be arranged.

The Daughters of the Confederacy of Oxford and others will prepare a lunch for our accommodation, for which we will ever be thankful.

We would not forget to bow very low to Hon. D. G. Brummitt, our representative, for the untiring efforts on behalf of us by getting the legislature to appropriate funds for our transportation.

Act quick so that one more notice in the Public Ledger as to train schedule, etc., will be sufficient.

W. H. WHITE,
Adj. M. T. Smith Camp.

Hat in the Ring.

Mr. Eugene Puckett of the Sunset section, was in Oxford last Saturday and was wearing the broad smile. He drove out in a brand, spanking new Oxford Chase Buggy which he had made to order just exactly to his liking, and the harness to match, all of which he purchased from Lyon-Win-Company. Eugene has thrown his hat in the matrimonial ring and will submit an attractive proposition to—
Announcement later.

Miss Hettie Lyon, Mrs. Wade H. Britt and Miss Carrie Fuller are attending the Baraca-Philathea convention in Asheville.

DEMAND IS KEEN

(United States Dept. of Agriculture) Disease, such as cholera, has been taking a smaller toll the past season than in recent years; more pure-bred and high-grade hogs are available than ever before; prices of hogs are now past the 16-cent level; demand for pork for home consumption and for export is keen. All of which means that the farmer who does not raise hogs is losing a chance to increase the supply of pork and thus a chance to increase the supply of pork and thus serve the country and at the same time expand a profitable phase of farming.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Oxford College, May 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Baccalaureate Sermon—Sunday morning, and Sermon before Y. W. C. A. Sunday evening, both by Rev. Bay-lus Cade, Lenioren, N. C.

Monday, May 21st.

Morning Concert 10 a. m.
Class Exercises 11 a. m.
Meeting of Alumnae Association, 5 p. m.

Play—"The Lady of Lyons"—Presented by the School of Expression 8 p. m.

Tuesday, May 22nd.

Graduating Exercises 11 a. m.
Literary address by Mr. Archibald Johnson, Editor Charity and Children, Thomasville, N. C.
12 O'clock.

Exhibit of Household Arts—Domestic Science and Domestic Art.—4 to 5:45 p. m.
Annual Concert 5:45.

All the above exercises will occur in the College Chapel—The sermon will be preached in the First Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited.

SPECIAL TAX FOR SCHOOLS.

Tally Ho Township Is Doing the Handsome.

An election for special school tax was carried at Culbreth last Saturday. This gives seven special tax districts in Tally Ho Township. The whole township is covered except two small districts.

Another election will be held in the Pool District in Oak Hill Township in June. If this is carried the number of teachers in special tax districts for next year will be seventy-three over against thirty-one in the non-special districts. This of course puts these non-special tax districts at a great disadvantage in securing teachers. The districts that can pay larger salaries and have longer terms, naturally gets the best prepared and most efficient teachers.

Twelve years ago there was only one special tax district in the county. This was Knap of Reeds. There were three teachers in this school and the tax amounted to \$404. Next year there will thirty-one districts employing seventy-three teachers and the special tax will amount to over \$11,000.

PATRIOTIC CITIZENS

A List of Those Who Have Tendered Their Services.

In view of the fact that all male citizens between ages of 21 and 30 years will be required to register their names at an early date, six patriotic citizens of Granville have tendered their services to Sheriff Hobgood as registrars. Their names are: J. C. Howard and W. H. Walters, Oxford; Otho Curl and R. G. Stem, Dutchville; F. H. Gregory, Stovall; O. A. Daniel, Tally Ho.

These will serve without compensation and others are expected to do the same. It will require the services of several men to do the work in the short time required for the enrollment.

BUILDING TO LET.

All the Boarders Have Left the County Jail.

Mr. Conrad Walters, the keeper of the county jail, has thrown the doors and windows of his castle open and hung the keys on the wall.

The jail has been empty for nearly a week and Mr. Walters was able to attend divine services last Sunday instead of serving a hot dinner to prisoners. The jail has been empty nine Sundays in the last ten years, says Mr. Walters.

Mrs. Sol. W. Cooper, of Fayetteville is the guest of her son, Mr. Crawford Cooper, Ridley Park.

SITUATION VERY SERIOUS

TROOPS FROM EAST STEM THE ADVANCE OF ALLIES IN WEST.

Von Hindenburg's Reinforcement Brings Dead Lock That British and French Can't Break.

The demoralization of the Russian army and the consequent withdrawal of German forces on the eastern front are having their effect in France. The heavy reinforcements of men which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has been able to throw into the trenches in the west has brought the operations in the west into a deadlock, which the French and British seem unable to break, however desperate their efforts.

Chaos in Russia.

The first fruits of the chaos in Russia are the more ominous in the hints they offer of further possibilities. The Council of Soldier's and Workmen's Delegates seems to have been aroused at last to the perils, of the course it has elected to follow, but it is a question if it has not come too late. The soldiers in the ranks have the bit in their teeth, and it remains to be seen if there is a hand strong enough to check them from bringing about anarchy.

Revolution Possible.

The hopeful side is drawn by the multiplying signs that the situation in Germany is as acute as ever. The extraordinary precautions taken to prevent news reaching the outside world would not have prevented some leaks here and there. Possibly for the first time in history revolution and a German republic have been openly talked about in the Reichstag, and most significance of all, apparently, the authorities do not dare to check the growing audacity of the radicals.

Food is Scarce.

The food situation in Germany also appears to be growing steadily worse, and the opinion is growing in all quarters that the available supply will not be sufficient to feed the country until harvest.

First Russian Loan Made.

The Congress has made the first loan to Russia, \$100,000,000 bringing the amount thus far advanced to the Allies since the United States entered the war to \$600,000,000.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMP

SOUND OF REVILLE AT 5:30 A. M. AROUSES 2,500 MEN.

Each Man Vaccinated Against Typhoid, and All Begin Intensive Drilling to be Offered Next Three Months.

The Associated Press dispatches state that the 2,500 volunteers in training at Chicamauga Park, Chattanooga, are a handsome set of men. The sound of reveille is heard at 5:30 a. m., and the duties of the day are very exacting.

The men have already been supplied with uniforms, army rifles, and other war equipments, and were ready for the intensive work mapped out by the officers in command of the army. First of all, each man bore a tender spot on his arm as a result of inoculation against typhoid fever, but this did not seem to concern the officers who began to put them through manoeuvres which they are to later impart on other men.

So far only three young men have been called from Oxford to the officer's training camp, as follows:

F. W. HANCOCK, JR.
B. S. ROYSTER, JR.
JAMES A. TAYLOR.

NOTICE

* Do Not Operate Without License.

* The last Revenue Act, Section 89, prescribes an absolute penalty of twenty per cent for engaging in any business or practicing any profession for which a license is required, without first having obtained a license therefor, and leaves no discretion with any officer to remit such penalty. Call at office or mail your check now! * The license you now have expires May 31st, 1917.

S. C. HOBGOOD,
Sheriff Granville County

MEAT BY THE HOG ROUTE.

(United State Dept. of Agriculture) The meat supply of the country can be increased more quickly by the "hog route" than by any other. The country's need to augment its supply is great, but prevailing high prices alone should be sufficient inducement to farmers to raise more hogs. The prospect of success never was brighter. The high prices ruling in all markets show that the demand for pork is in excess of the supply.

TRI-COLORS FLOAT IN OXFORD

Gen. B. S. Royster's Residence Decorated With the Flags of the Allied Nations.

The Stars and Stripes, the French flag and England's Union Jack, neatly arranged at the front entrance of Gen. B. S. Royster's residence, attracted considerable interest this week. Old Glory is the center piece of the group, and on the right as you enter the grounds, is the Union Jack and to the left is the tri-color French flag.

Unlike America, both England and France have two designs of flags one for the navy and one for army. England's battle flag, such as is carried by the troops at the front, is known as the Royal Standard. The Union Jack displayed by Gen. Royster is England's regulation admiralty flag. The French flag displayed by General Royster is the regulation battle flag. The fabric and design of these flags are protected by copyright. It has always been very difficult to purchase the regulation flags of either France or England. They must come from those in authority.

Speaking of the new order of things, the Army and Navy Journal says:

"The Tri-Colors of France should be displayed wherever an American flag is displayed. In the event one is not at hand it is easy of design. The proportion of width to length is about the same as ours. Of the three vertical stripes, the blue, hung next to the staff, should be 30 per cent of the width of the flag; the white stripe which is next, should be 33 per cent, and the red stripe, on the outside, should be 37 per cent. Thus if the blue stripe is 10 inches wide the white stripe should be 11 inches and the red stripe a little more than 12 inches—each of the stripes being about 18 inches long"

THE COOL SPELL IN MAY.

No Material Damage Done to Crops.

What old inhabitants love to refer to as "the cold spell in May," materialized all right this year. In fact, it was two cool spells. It is one of the most extraordinary months of May this section has experienced in many years. It has been a little rough on crops and the farmers have been placed on something like a waiting list, though crops are making for a good stand and the lost time will be made up with the return of warm weather—and it will be warm when it does come.

There is a recompense, too, to the lovers of nature, and it is to be seen in the wonderfully beautiful state of perfection the cool, damp days have wrought in the roses. Oxford is a great town for rose-growing, and the rambler on the porch and the bushes in the garden are daily of ravishingly glorious adornment. The floral kingdom in this section of the State is at the present time in a state of perfection which is seldom seen. Meantime, the vegetable gardens have had an excellent start and there are more of them than has been known, and the country, emerging from the cold spell will find itself all the better for the experience.

KEEP BUSINESS GOING.

A Timely Letter From Mr. Frank F. Lyon.

We commend Mr. F. F. Lyon, the druggist, for his timely article on the second page of this paper. There would be no danger of stagnation and depression of business if there were a few live men in Oxford like Mr. Lyon to preach progress and stave off the imaginary scare. With billions upon billions of dollars being placed in circulation, the hoarding of money is preposterous. The business men of our community should not go to sleep on the job. Buy, sell and do business should be the motto of everybody.

BIG MASS MEETING TODAY

GEN. YOUNG, COL. MINOR AND MAJOR CHAMBERS HERE.

Will Inspect Granville Grays and Talk on Military Problems at the Court House.

General Lawrence W. Young and Col. Sidney W. Minor this week began a tour of inspection of the various companies of the Third North Carolina Infantry.

Accompanied by Major Sidney S. Chambers they will visit the Granville Grays this Friday afternoon, and Mayor Mitchell has called a mass meeting of the citizens to assemble at the court house at 5 o'clock this Friday evening. Both men and women are urged to be present.

Gen. Young, Col. Minor and Major Chambers will discuss military problems. Pack the court house and learn something about military affairs. The meeting is primarily in the interest of Third North Carolina Infantry, of which the Granville Gray (Company E) is a unit.

PROUD AS LUCIFER.

Young Man Ashamed to Look at Plow on the Street.

There is one young man in this community that should be drafted and sent out of the country immediately. Though born and bred in Granville and nourished by the breeze in the open country in early childhood, this young man came to town to live, and now he is a sprout as old Lucifer. We have known him to be cold and distant toward those who till the soil, but it never entered the mind of anyone that he is actually ashamed to look at a plow on the streets. The incident was so foolish and amusing we will tell it for the edification of our readers.

Addressing Mr. Hal Holeman, a member of the Acme Hardware Company, this young man said:

"Ah, you know it is quite fashionable in Oxford now days for one to do a bit of work in the garden. Be pleased to show me a light plow."

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Holeman, "you will find the identical implement you are looking for out on the sidewalk in front of the store. Please examine it carefully."

"Yes, I know," said the mollycod-dle, "I would have you bring it in for inspection."

"My dear sir," said Mr. Holeman, "the light is good and you can see it to advantage on the sidewalk and at the same time save me the trouble of bringing it in."

"Yes, I know," said the young man, "it is the humility of the thing, you know."

GAVE LEG BOND.

Fisher Gregory, Colored is At Large.

While beating the bushes Tuesday, Officer Hutchins arrested Fisher Gregory, for carrying a concealed weapon. The case was heard by Mayor Mitchell in Municipal Court Wednesday morning, and after all of the evidence had been taken, Mayor Mitchell asked the colored offender if he could give bond to the amount of \$150.

"Yes, sir, I guess I kin give the bond," said the prisoner.

The prisoner was a small greasy-looking negro, about twenty-five years old. He eyed officer Hutchins carefully from head to foot, and noticing that he was slightly crippled with rheumatism in one foot, he bounced out of the door, and as he passed the jail at thirty miles an hour he yelled: "Good-by, white people, I is gwine away from here."

"I will get the scoundrel later," said the officer.

Encouraging Report.

Mr. K. L. Street, who was designated by the Town Board to boost gardening in Oxford, aised all ports of the town this week and reports that he is greatly surprised to find so much interest in the work. All the vacant lots have been planted, says Mr. Street, and many of the front yards contain miniture garden spots.

—Those are beautiful dinner sets on display in Taylor Brother's window. See announcement on back page of this paper, and if you have not already secured a set, step in and investigate. See also Taylor Bro's specials on the fifth page of this paper.