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NORTH CAROLINA FLAG.

DONATED FRIDAY TO GRADED SCHOOL.

Presentation Speech by Dr. Hays-- Received by Mr. C. T. Goode --Exercises by Children.

It is a lamentable fact that a large majority of the people in the State do not know, nor have never seen the North Carolina flag, so, in order that the children may know it, a few citizens gave one to the Graded School.

A large crowd assembled in the Graded School Chapel to witness the presentation. Dr. Hays presented the flag in an appropriate and interesting manner. He told the children what the flag was an emblem of, how they ought to respect it and said that we are not rebels as a vast majority of people would have them to believe.

Prof. Goode accepted the flag in behalf of the Graded School and teachers, and gave a history of it. He said that the blue stood for fidelity white for purity and red for blood, that the two dates 1775 and 1776, stand for memorable days in North Carolina History. In the year 1775 was Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and 1776 was the adoption of the famous resolutions by the Halifax Congress. The people in this State had become tired of the usurpations and depredations of the King of England and determined to stop them. In order to stop the tyrannical rule of this King, the Halifax Congress appointed a committee to draw up the resolutions, which were unanimously adopted on April 12th, 1776.

The graded school was very appropriately decorated for the occasion.

A prize was offered to the pupil who would write the best essay on the North Carolina flag. Mr. John Stedman, Jr., and Miss Julia Royster were the contestants. Miss Royster was awarded the prize.

The flag was given by the following men and the North Carolina Patriotic Society: Dr. E. T. White, Messrs. H. G. Cooper, J. F. White, Z. W. Lyon, A. A. Hicks, W. B. Ballou, J. P. Stedman, Mott and Frank Pinnix.

Business Change.

Last Friday night the Hamilton Drug Company was organized to do a drug business in Oxford. The new concern has bought out the business of Mr. R. L. Hamilton, who retains a large share in the firm, and who will manage the business for the new company. The officers elected were: President, Dr. T. L. Booth; Vice-President, W. Z. Mitchell; Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager, R. L. Hamilton; Attorney, B. S. Royster. The company is composed of sixteen stockholders, and has an authorized capital stock of \$25,000, with \$8,000 already paid in.

The storeroom which is the one occupied by Mr. Hamilton will be completely renovated by the installation of new fixtures. Considerable change will be made in the interior, the company intending to thoroughly equip itself to run a modern and up-to-date establishment.

FOR Sale--2 good second-hand pianos. F. P. Hobgood. 2t.

I have a lot of old guns, pistols and locks that have been accumulating for years. Names have been lost off of a part of them, some of them have been repaired and some have not. Owners are notified to call and get them within the next "thirty" days, or they will be sold for cost of repairs. J. F. Edwards. 4t.

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If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, rashes and bumps, swellings or suppurating sores, scab, pimply skin, ulcers, bone pains, catarrh rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Druggists or by express \$1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of blood or skin diseases, as it cures after all else fails. Sold in Oxford, N. C. by J. G. Hall's Drug Store.

TURNER-HICKS MARRIAGE

SOLEMNIZED MARCH 5TH IN THE CHAPEL OF ASYLUM.

Bride is Daughter of Col. and Mrs. W. J. Hicks, and Groom, Prominent Minister of Georgia.

In the presence of a few local friends, the majority of the out-of-town guests invited to the golden wedding of Col. and Mrs. W. J. Hicks and the children of the Orphanage, Mr. J. Clyde Turner and Miss Bertha May Hicks were quietly married in the Chapel of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, Thursday afternoon, March the 5th, at 3 o'clock. Almost immediately after receiving the congratulations and wishes for a happy life from their friends, the bride and groom took the 4.10 Seaboard train for Macon Georgia, their future home.

The Chapel was tastefully decorated for the marriage by the ladies of the Orphanage and presented a very pretty background for the scene. Just before the ceremony, Mr. W. A. Johnson in a very strong feeling voice sang "Because" and, at the proper times, the choir of girls from the singing class rendered songs that were suitable for the occasion.

The bride who was attired in a handsome suit of blue, was given away by her brother, Mr. J. M. W. Hicks, of New York, and was attended by her maid of honor, Miss Lillian Thompson, of Raleigh. Mr. Orin Turner, of Statesville, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The ushers were: Messrs. W. L. and Robert Wyatt, nephews of the groom; Mr. B. W. Rogers, and Dr. John G. Harrison, of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh.

The groom, a native of Statesville, North Carolina, is now a resident of Macon, Georgia, having charge of the Tatnall Square Baptist church. Tho' a young man he is rapidly rising in the ministry and has already made for himself an enviable reputation as a forceful speaker. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and the Louisville Baptist Theological Seminary.

East Lynne,

A noteworthy production of everybody's favorite drama "East Lynne" will be given at the Opera House, Thursday, March 12th, by Joseph Kings' company. The production will be given under the personal supervision of Mr. Joseph King, a stage director of reputation and ability, and a highly artistic, meritorious performance is assured.

Dr. J. G. Hunt Ill.

The community is very much distressed to learn that Dr. J. G. Hunt is critically ill at the Mecklenburg Hotel, Chase City, where he has been for the purpose of regaining his health.

The account of his illness comes as a shock to his many friends who wish him a speedy recovery.

Perkinson & Green.

Perkinson & Green are much pleased with the success that they have met with since they opened their doors a few weeks ago, their business having gone beyond their expectations. They are carrying an attractive line of goods and expect their trade to continue to increase. Their stock is new and well selected.

Long, Blalock & Haskins.

Mr. Will Long and Miss Blanche May have just returned from the Northern markets where they have been buying an immense stock of goods for their spring trade. They have carefully inspected everything that is new and good and have selected a fine line. Everybody in the store is busy assorting and arranging the new things that are daily arriving. Mr. Long believes that business is going to be good, and with this idea in view, has bought heavily to supply the demands. Long, Blalock & Haskins' new ad tells about some of these good things.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

COL. AND MRS. HICKS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Numerous Local and Out-of-Town Friends Gather and Felicitate Them Upon Happy Occasion.

On Wednesday afternoon, March the 4th, a number of invited friends assembled at the home of Col. and Mrs. W. J. Hicks to celebrate their Golden Wedding, they having been married on March the 4th, 1858. From 5 to 9 o'clock of the day the guests felicitated them upon the happy event, and the testimonials of their friendship and esteem were many and appropriate.

Col. Hicks was born in Virginia 81 years ago, and Mrs. Hicks, nee Harrison, is the daughter of the late Col. John Harrison, of Raleigh. Six children have been born to them, of which number the following are living: Mr. J. M. W. Hicks, of New York; Mr. Will Hicks, of Biscoe; Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of Raleigh; and Miss Bertha Hicks (now Mrs. J. Clyde Turner,) of Macon, Ga.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. J. M. W. Hicks, and Mrs. R. B. Arrington, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, and two little sons, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. W. B. Hicks and Master Frank H. Hicks, of Biscoe; Miss Louise Wyatt, Messrs. Will, Robert and Marion Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Mrs. John D. Briggs, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyree, Misses Lillian and Daisy Thompson, Dr. J. N. Cole, Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Mr. N. B. Broughton, and Mr. G. Rosenthal, of Raleigh; Miss Eugenia Tucker, of Charlotte; Mrs. A. H. Merritt, of Durham; Mr. Orin Turner, of Statesville; Miss Eulalia Turner, of Thomasville; the Rev. J. Clyde Turner, and Dr. J. G. Harrison, of Macon, Ga., and Captain McIver, of Greensboro.

Landis & Easton.

"Say," says Cam Easton, "Will Landis looks like he has tried to buy everything." Major Landis, with Miss Cresswell is in the North ordering big lines of goods for the trade and every day sees big boxes of things arriving at their store. People in the store are hustling around licking things into shape for the spring business. Watch out for their ad next week and see what is happening.

Visitation of Bishop.

The Right Reverend Joseph Blount Cheshire, Bishop of North Carolina, was in Oxford several days on his regular visitation to this parish, arriving Friday and leaving Sunday afternoon. During his stay he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Erwin.

Sunday morning he held services in St. Stephen's church, when a young lady from the Hilliard School, Miss Annie Thorpe was confirmed.

On the night after his arrival the bishop visited St. Cyprian's Chapel (colored) and confirmed five persons.

Bishop Cheshire left for Henderson Sunday afternoon for his regular visitation in that city.

Treat For Art Lovers.

As has been announced, there will be given at the Seminary from March 18th to the 21st, an interesting Art Exhibit, comprising of about 200 famous pictures. This exhibit has been carried through the larger cities and towns, and the press speaks very highly of it. The collection is varied, including carbons, brown prints, engravings, photogravures, etc. Oxford artists will no doubt take great interest in the exhibit.

The St. Louis Post-Despatch says: The collection of photographs and photogravures of famous paintings now on exhibition in the High School is considered the finest ever presented in St. Louis.

The price for admission is nominal and will keep no one away.

Mayor Devin, who went to Texas on legal business, has returned.

HE WILL NOT RETIRE.

RUMOR THAT COL. HICKS RESIGNED UNTRUE.

Currently Reported That Col. W. J. Hicks will Retire From Superintendency of Orphan Asylum

A report has been incorrectly going the rounds of the press that Col. W. J. Hicks is on the eve of retiring from the Superintendency of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and that several candidates for the position are being considered.

Since there is no foundation for the report, it is not clear how it could have originated, though such an idea might have been derived from the fact that some time ago Col. Hicks intimated to the directors that he should like to retire. The directors did not take kindly to the suggestion and asked Col. Hicks to make no further mention of the matter on the grounds that the work needed him too badly. Col. Hicks, therefore, has said nothing further about it, and it has never at any time become an official matter, since the only reference to it was made in the manner mentioned.

It is recognized that, before many years, Col. Hicks will retire, and some talk has taken place about choosing a successor when such time shall have arrived, but no change at an early time is contemplated. Col. Hicks will retain the Superintendency just as long as the directors can persuade him to and it can be authoritatively stated that the rumor has been unadvisedly taken and is without foundation, though of course, the error has been unintentionally made.

In justice both to Col. Hicks and the institution itself, Mr. G. Rosenthal, one of the directors, makes the following correction in the News & Observer:

"I have been authorized by Colonel Hicks to advise you that your reporter has been misinformed and that he has no idea of retiring from the superintendency of the Oxford Orphan Asylum at present. On behalf of the Board of Directors I beg to say that since there is to be no vacancy, no names have been under consideration."

Col. Hicks has been in charge of the Asylum since 1898 when he succeeded Mr. N. M. Lawrence, now of Charlotte, and has not only maintained the efficiency and high standard upon which the institution has been run, but has so conducted its affairs that he has become indispensable to it, and it is going to be almost a matter of impossibility to fill his position when the time comes for him to retire. The Colonel is by profession an architect and builder and, prior to assuming the superintendency has had 25 years experience as Superintendent in charge of the State penitentiary.

Todes-Caplan & Co.

Messrs. Maurice Todes and Nathan Caplan, of Baltimore, have rented the storeroom in the White Building adjoining the post office, and are making preparations to open a department store. Mr. Todes says that his firm will carry everything in the haberdashery, millinery or notion line for men and women, and will operate upon a strictly one price basis. Goods are daily arriving and the firm expects to be open for business by the 20th inst. The stand is termed "Granville's Best Department Store."

YOU should not fail to consult Dr. N. Rosenstein in regard to your eyes and spectacles; he can be of great service to you. He will be at Oxford Tuesday, March 17th, and Wednesday, March 18th, at the Exchange Hotel. Consultation free.

IF YOUR watch has gone on a strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stimson and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Dry Goods store.

Dr. S. Rapport will be at Oxford, Tuesday, March 24th, one day only, stopping at Dr. Henderson's office, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Consultation free. 1t.

THE CREEDMOOR ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL THE 7th.

Question of Issuing \$6,000 in Bonds for The Purpose of Erecting a School Building.

Notice of an election at Creedmoor for the purpose of deciding as to whether there shall be erected a school building at a cost of \$6,000, will be found in another column.

The educational conditions in and around Creedmoor are such that the present school facilities do not fill the requirements, and the election is to be held to vote the proper steps to have a good school. Under the recent bill in the legislature, introduced by General Royster, the proposition to be submitted to the voters is to issue \$6,000 worth of bonds for the building. The same bill instructs the County Board of Education to pay \$125 annually on the bond issue, for the length of ten years. Half or more than half of the bond issue can be borrowed of the State Board of Education at 4 per cent, and the remaining amount of, say \$2,000, can be raised on the bonds themselves. The actual amount to be raised by taxes is \$4,750, for the sum of \$1,250 is given from the County Educational fund. Figuring on a yearly basis the school will cost the taxpayers \$475 per-year with interest on same added.

Something will have to be done at Creedmoor to increase the educational facilities. The town is progressive and the school requirements are on the increase. These requirements must be met in some way and it is up to the people to devise the means. People know how those who have not had the proper school advantages are handicapped, and are willing to make some effort to increase the opportunities each child has for obtaining an education. But the people do not know what those uneducated in this generation are going to suffer in the years to come. Those who do not help the children to have good schooling now are cutting out a miserable future for them.

The Ledger is going to try and get some statistics, and present them sometime before the election. It is just that people should know what a thing is going to cost each person. A proper study of the tax list will show this, and this done, the people will in all probability come to the conclusion that the proposition is the best investment that can be found for them at the present. A little prying into the future will demonstrate this.

Order From Commissioners.

It is ordered that a repair force be organized and take the four best of the county mules, one wagon, scraper, and the necessary tools, and that said repair force commence on April 1st, to scrape up, ditch, and repair such roads as have already been worked by the road forces, commencing on the road leading from Oxford toward Berea, and going to Berea, then working each road toward the right of such road until all the roads previously worked by county road forces have been repaired.

It is ordered that the Wheeler or convict road force be sent to the Oxford and Stovall road to work the same on May 1st, 1908.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Letter to Professor J. C. Horner, Oxford, North Carolina.

Dear Sir: Here's another problem for those arithmetic and algebra scholars:

If Devoe is worth \$1.75 a gallon, and spreads a half further than average paint, and wears twice as long, what is average paint worth a gallon put-on, painters' wages being 3.50 a day and a day's work a gallon of paint.

The answer is minus \$1.75 a gallon. That is: you could afford to paint with average paint if somebody gives it to you and pays half the painters' wages.

Yours truly
F. W. DEVOE & CO.
P. S. Baird & Chamblee sell our paint.

THE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

HAPPENINGS IN OXFORD DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Mrs. Alex Williams and Miss Mary B. Williams Entertain in Honor of Visiting Ladies.

Last Wednesday week Mrs. Alex Williams entertained in honor of Mrs. Walter Bonitz, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, of Chicago. The guests present were: Mrs. N. H. Cannady, Mrs. A. A. Chapman, Mrs. W. E. Massenburg, Mrs. Walter Bonitz, Mrs. Dudley Bonitz, Mrs. W. L. Peace, Misses Flora Hunt, Carbutt, Annie Cannady, Annie Lou McGuire, May Williams, Annie Johnson, and Annie Bryan.

On the 4th inst., Miss Mary B. Williams entertained in honor of Mrs. Bonitz, of Pittsburg, the guests being as follows: Mrs. Cannady, Mrs. Carr, of Durham, Mrs. Bonitz, of Pittsburg, Mrs. Bonitz, of Chicago, Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Peace, and Miss Carbutt.

Death of Mr. M. H. Suit.

After a very short illness, another old and beloved citizen, Mr. M. H. Suit, of Tar River section, was laid to rest in the old Suit burying ground near Hester, Wednesday, March the 4th, 1908. He leaves to mourn his death: one son, Mr. W. A. Suit, of Thomasville, one daughter, Mrs. H. L. Adcock, of Enfield, the family of Mrs. D. F. Harris to whom he had been as a loving father and uncle for more than ten years, and a host of friends.

He had been a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Dutchville for many years. It was indeed hard to give up this devoted father and uncle. But we truly believe that he has entered the haven of rest. The bereaved family wishes if possible to thank the kind neighbors and friends for their kindness during his short illness and death. We are sure that he had the most careful attention that could be given by earthly hands.

A FRIEND

Art Exhibit.

An interesting event will occur at the Seminary on March 18-21, when an Art Exhibit of famous pictures will be given.

The exhibit contains 200 pictures representative of ancient and modern art. They include the finest brown prints, carbons, engravings, etchings, photogravures and color facsimiles, exact copies of the originals in drawing and color; so that one visiting the collection sees many of the most famous masterpieces as they appear in the great galleries of the world.

The object of the exhibit is to give students, school children, and all persons interested in education, an opportunity to become acquainted with the names of great artists. To this end, the price of admission is made almost nominal, being ten cents for children under fourteen, and twenty cents for older people.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Creedmoor Special Tax School District on

Tuesday, April 7th, 1908,

upon the question whether bonds of said school district shall be issued in the sum \$6,000 for the purpose of erecting and equipping in said Special Tax School District a building suitable for the purpose of a public primary and high school.

There will be a new registration in said district, J. L. Peed, Esq., having been appointed Registrar.

At said election those who are in favor of issuing the bonds for the purpose of building the school house shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words "For School Bonds," and those who are opposed shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words "Against School Bonds."

Said election shall be conducted under the law regulating general elections in this state.

B'd of Co. Com'r of Granville Co.
E. C. HARRIS, Clm'n
J. B. POWELL, Clerk.

OUR garden seeds are the best we can buy. Full stock of garden and flower seeds at Stedman's Drug Store,