

Lazy Man Bothers a Busy Man.

A lazy streak got a grip on a Ledger representative Tuesday morning, so he went down the street to dodge work for an hour or two. As he passed the office of the Granville Real Estate & Trust Company he spied President Powell who seemed to be immersed in work. Dropping in, he drew Mr. Powell from his labors and proceeded to give him the third degree, as the police call it.

"Look here," was the first question sent at him, "I see you are advertising Oxford in the Outlook and other periodicals. Anything doing?"

"Why, yes indeed. We have put a few advertisements in the Outlook and in some of the Western and Northern papers. Inquiries from them? I should say so. You know we've just succeeded in getting a New England gentleman to buy some property here—not only that he is going to live in Oxford."

"Advertising in big publications," said the reporter, "is a rather expensive thing to do. And er-I don't want to stick my nose in other folks' affairs, but would a fellow be indiscreet in asking who is helping the company? For it is hardly the proper thing, is it, for our people to let one concern do all the advertising and correspondence for a town?"

"No, we have not had much assistance. Of course, our advertising and fishing out in foreign waters is in one sense selfish; on the other hand, we do a great many things, that we are glad to be able to do that do not directly benefit us any more than every citizen in Oxford. In such case our citizens could help us a great deal and at the same time help themselves much more."

"What do you mean by help?"

"You know we need more people here, more capital, and new blood. We have the finest county in the world and many of the best people but," said Mr. Powell very emphatically, "we need our waste lands cultivated; we need to reduce the acreage; we need to intensify. A man who owns a thousand acres now and cultivates only one hundred and fifty of them needs a purchaser so that he can own about 350 acres and cultivate all of them. Therefore, we advertise in quarters where people have money to invest and are looking for homes. Of course, we only look for the best element."

"Do you get good results?"

"We do. Right now we are in communication with a New England company that is looking for a suitable site upon which to locate a \$300,000 cotton mill. An eastern Carolina town and another town in Georgia are hot after this company and have gone so far as to offer an exemption from taxation for the next ten years. Of course, we can't do that but we have so many other advantages that we have not given up the hope of landing this company. You know what we need right now—and need badly? We ought to have a paid secretary in this town whom we could send right up to New England and get this factory. Goodness me, why that concern will need at least sixty thousand dollars worth of brick yielding a profit of from twelve to fifteen thousand dollars. They could be made from some of these old hills that are not bringing in a cent?"

"I am glad you find looking for outside business profitable because it is a blame good thing for the town." "You may rest assured," laughed Mr. Powell, "if it didn't pay we wouldn't stand for the expense. I wish other folks would take enough interest in this fine town and county and help us tell the public what we have done here. Yes, we have the country all right. All we need is enough pride among our citizens to tell the outside public about it. That's all we need."

Feeling that he had punished Mr. Powell sufficiently the reporter picked up his hat and went forth in search of a fresh victim.

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.

FARMERS

Try C. D. Ray's platform scale. When you have feed or cattle to weigh they are accurate. See ad in the paper.

Wanted.—All subscribers of the News and Observer to save their daily ballot coupons for Mrs. J. D. Brooks, and have them ready on Saturday of each week.

We are prepared to refinish your old furniture. Smith & White. Phone No. 27th. feb. 12.3Lpd.

Disturbance at Colored School.

Last Sunday night while the colored people were having a special entertainment for the benefit of foreign missions, the meeting being held in the colored graded school building, several young negroes got drunk and raised a disturbance. As a result acting Mayor J. M. Baird had two cases to hear Tuesday afternoon. In one, George Thomas was bound over to court under a bond of \$50, he having used a deadly weapon, which took the case out of a magistrate's jurisdiction. In the other six defendants were turned loose for want of sufficient evidence to hold them.

In the case of Geo. Thomas, W. A. Patillo, principal of the colored school, was the first witness. He testified that there was considerable disturbance which he tried to stop. It seems that all quieted down except Thomas. When Patillo went outside to investigate, he put his hand on the defendant's shoulder. Thomas asked who he was. "Mr. Patillo," was the answer. Then Thomas said "D—Mr. Patillo." The defendant drew a knife which was in evidence at the trial and started into the principle who went in the house Thomas following. When Patillo went in he got his revolver and fired at the ceiling without impressing the defendant in the least. Then he used the butt of the gun on Thomas' head when the darkey gave in. As the shot was fired, Hubert Green was in the room; the next second, however, he made a record break through the window. Patillo called Willie Thomas, who put the rantankerous fighter out of the door. Albert Thomas, the second witness, didn't see the fight, but he did see Thomas standing in the door and delivering some very positive varieties of profanity.

The prisoner, when asked about the difficulty, stated that he was drunk and did not know what happened. The back of his head bears testimony that it had been through rather strenuous proceedings, and his eyes were still red and bloodshot.

In the second case Willie Thorpe, Perry Gregory, Eli Hester, Willie Lanier, Tom Wyche, and Powell Jordan were brought to court under warrant charging them with disorderly conduct. Chas. Holeman, Rev. Newsome, T. Chavis, and Principal Patillo being the witnesses. Rev. Newsome who has been here but a few months thought the proceedings particularly outrageous. He said there was a great deal of sticking of pins, crawling on the floor and stamping. Chavis heard loud laughter and whistling. Holeman, who was doorkeeper, charged Eli Hester with beating his way in and refusing to buy a ticket. He spoke to Willie Lewis and Powell Jordan about pushing, but those negroes claimed that the pushing was done back of them. Holeman did not hear any cursing.

After examining all the witnesses Mr. Baird dismissed the case for lack of sufficient evidence. It seemed that, with the exception of Thomas, the disturbance was not of a serious nature.

The next morning after the occurrence the cause of all the trouble was found when half a dozen or more whiskey bottles were picked up about the premises.

Principal Patillo seemed to regret the occurrence exceedingly. He stated after the trial that the very best of his people were present that night.

In being sworn Thorpe did a new stunt in oath taking. Instead of giving the regulation smack on the Bible he put out his tongue and licked the book, which caused a ripple of laughter to break out in the court room which was well filled.

Last Call for 1908 Taxes!

The last go-round will be made in accordance with the requirements of law. You are expected to meet me on the following days and settle 1908 taxes in full.

Dexter—Monday, March 1st.
Dickerson—Tuesday, March 2nd.
Grissom—Wednesday, March 3rd.
Wilton—Thursday, March 4th.
Creedmoor—Friday, March 5th.
Creedmoor—Saturday, March 6th.
Stem—Tuesday, March 9th.
Walnut Grove—Wednesday 10th.
Wilbourns Store—Thursday 11th.
Bullock—Friday, March 12th.
Stovall—Saturday, March 13th.
The books will be kept open at Oxford on the above days also.

All persons owing taxes are requested to settle the same promptly. On March 15th the books will go and collection by distress and levies will be made in all cases where the tax is not paid.

This the 10th day of Feb., 1909.
S. C. HOBGOOD,
Tax Collector.

Oxford badly needs a live Commercial Club.

The Woman's Literary Club.

The Woman's Literary Club met on January twenty-sixth at the home of Mrs. C. D. Ray instead of with Miss Graham as the program stated.

Mrs. Dunaway presided in the absence of Mrs. Furman.

The spirit of true Scotch freedom seemed to break the fetters of common sordid care, for no business came to light. Everyone seemed to feel a sense of relief from the usual routine which left them to enjoy the entire afternoon in Mrs. Ray's charming hospitality and dear Scott's royal spirit.

Scott is a famous historian, in the sense of giving the true life, and spirit of the people of the time about which he wrote. This kind of history rounds out and makes real the scientific historian's statement of facts, which usually lack the action and flavor supplied by the good historical novel. Scott is, after all, the historian of the Scotch people and of Bonnie Scotland. Without the picturesque life of castle, manor house, monastery, and heather clad hills with their free air, and free tartans, blowing their pibrochs, and fighting their way to fame and right; the history of England would lose its greatest charm, and much of its noblest effort for higher living.

Mrs. Smith's paper which replaced Mrs. Cannady's number for this meeting, was interesting and instructive in presenting Scott the novelist. His novels are our true source for the practical conditions of living in the Middle Ages with its romance, and peculiar phase—feudalism, that so slowly gave place to modern conditions. The part played by the church in this great drama, with its vast areas of monasteries, abbeys, and rich lands, controlled by fat sleek abbots and mysterious brotherhoods and nuns, is set forth in its true light by Scott.

Queen Mary, one of the most interesting women of any time, was brought forward by Mrs. Powell, who, in her mild presentation, was doubtless nearer than the usual over-drawn picture of her in the places made famous by her association with them.

In this connection too much can not be said of Holyrood, for there beautiful Queen Mary enjoyed and suffered most.

The selection from the Abbot roused the latent charm of Queen Mary as Scott presents her—the Queen of Romance and sad fate. Mrs. Fleming read these selections for Mrs. Furman.

The discussion of Scott the historian as shown in his novels, was a benefit and a real pleasure to each participant.

When Mrs. Ray served most appetizing refreshments, the pleasant seriousness of the meeting changed to restful social conversation that lasted till twilight.

The announcement that the next meeting will be held at Mrs. Furman's closed this charming afternoon with Scott.

Wedding Bells to Ring.

The following invitation has been issued and will be found interesting to the numerous friends of all parties concerned:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Tilley request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Norma Gracia

to
Mr. Herbert Lyon

on Tuesday afternoon, the second of March nineteen hundred and nine at three o'clock at their home, near
Knap of Reeds, N. C.

Popular Young Oxford Matron.

Mrs. E. M. Lewellyn, one of Oxford's popular young matrons is on a rather extended visit to friends in Georgia. She will conclude her visit in time to be home about Monday of next week. During her visit many social functions have been given in her honor. These clippings were taken from the Macon papers:

"Mrs. Eugene Morehead Lewellyn of Oxford, N. C., who has been visiting Miss Rowena Taylor came down to America to-day where she will be the guest of Miss Genie Gregory for several days. She will return to Macon and again be the guest of Miss Taylor for a brief stay before going on to her home in North Carolina."

"At her pretty home on Rogers Avenue, Mrs. George M. Stanton entertained in honor of Mrs. Eugene Lewellyn, the former members of the delightful social club of which she was a member before her marriage."

"Mrs. Gilbert M. Davis entertained at a lovely afternoon party yesterday in honor of Mrs. Eugene Morehead Lewellyn, of North Carolina, who is the charming guest of Miss Rowena Taylor."

Oxford needs citizens who will TALK Oxford.

Prof. Hobgood in Thomasville.

Tuesday of last week Prof. F. P. Hobgood left town returning on Wednesday, but as to his mission the Ledger folks did not know. In order to find out if he behaved himself in a manner befitting a staid and dignified citizen of Oxford, the man with the pencil buttonholed him the other day.

"Prof. where have you been?"

"Oh," was the reply, "I went down to Thomasville last Tuesday and got back home Wednesday night."

"In Thomasville?"

"Yes, I went down to preside as president of the board of directors over the formal opening of the new hospital at the Orphanage. It is one of the very best in the State that has been built in connection with a similar institution.

The money, \$15,000 was furnished by Baptist women. The hospital has 30 rooms thoroughly equipped upon the most modern plan. A isolated part is kept for contagious diseases.

There are 375 children in the institution, the revenues of which are from fifty to sixty thousand. The institution is supported by voluntary contributions."

Prof. Hobgood has an appointment with the Callowhee Teacher's Institute in Jackson county. He will give daily lectures for two weeks.

For Benefit of Granville Grays.

The Granville Grays have been so accommodating, and their Captain, Bob Wood, the most obliging man in the State, has done so much to assist all local good causes, that the ladies of the town are going to give a big affair for the Company's benefit Friday night. The proceeds will be expended in fixing up the interior of the Armory. All sorts of good things to eat and, best of all, the edibles will be served by Oxford's matrons and young ladies. The arrangements will be looked after by two members from each of the local churches. As to which ladies will serve at tables, and preside in the culinary department has not been decided, but these general committees have been arranged for:

Reception	Mrs. W. H. White
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Methodist	Mrs. R. L. Brown
Methodist	Mrs. Katie Fleming
Baptist	Mrs. C. D. Rny
Baptist	Mrs. H. M. Shaw
Episcopal	Mrs. F. H. T. Horsfield
Episcopal	Mrs. Wm. Landis
Presbyterian	Mrs. W. I. Howell
Presbyterian	Miss Belle Cooper

Contributions for Monument.

Granville Grays Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy wish to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for these fine contributions:

Mr. W. T. Minor, Durham . . . \$5.00	
Judge J. C. Biggs, Durham . . . 10.00	
Mr. R. H. Lewis, Oxford . . . 5.00	
Miss Nannie Gregory, Oxford . . . 5.00	
Mrs. J. T. Britt, Oxford . . . 5.00	
Col. W. B. Ballou, Oxford . . . 5.00	
Dr. F. B. Hays, New York . . . 2.00	
Mr. U. B. Cozart, Wilson . . . 1.00	
Total \$38.00	

Cornwall School Closes.

With very entertaining exercises, consisting of dialogues, drills, songs and recitations, the school at Cornwall, one of the 4 month termers, closed last Friday night. Superintendent Webb and D. G. Brammitt, Esq., were present and delivered speeches. About three hundred people turned out to hear the closing exercises.

About 60 pupils were enrolled this session. The teachers were Mrs. Will Wilkes and Miss Clement.

A longer school term is desired at Cornwall and the people are agitating a special tax. It is quite likely that an election will be called soon. Many favor and others oppose the measure.

Play at Seminary.

The young ladies of Oxford Seminary have the following programme, which we are requested to publish:

Synopsis:
Act I—Philadelphia—In ye garden at Madam Mayfield's. 'Tis afternoon late in ye month of May.
Act II—Scene I—At ye old cabin Sunset time—July Fourth. Scene II—Ye home of Betsy Ross—A morning of early autumn.
Act III—Trenton—Ye hall of ye ball room—Christmas night.
Presented by the junior class of Oxford Seminary on Monday, February 22nd, 1909, at 8 p. m.—Admission 50 cents.

Are You Going to Bulld?

C. D. Ray can furnish you the material from foundation to finish. See ad in this paper.

Oxford should encourage the Improvement Society.

Social Functions.

The past few days in the society world seem to have been record breakers, numerous functions being given. The reports from these functions came in through various sources, and many of them had to be abbreviated in order to get them in. It has been impossible to arrange the items properly under the existing circumstances. It is hoped any shortcomings will be overlooked.

The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hancock was a scene of oveliness on Saturday evening last when they entertained a party of girl friends at a valentine luncheon in celebration of the sixteenth birthday of their charming young daughter, Elizabeth. The decorations in red, white and green with hearts, derts, candles, etc. suggestions of "sweet sixteen" and St. Valentine combined were unique and beautiful in an unusual degree.

Progressive nation and a guessing contest interspersed with music and bright conversation were enjoyed till a late hour when delicious refreshments in two courses were served, these also carrying out the Valentine idea.

Tuesday afternoon, in their handsome home, Mrs. A. H. Powell and Miss Margaret Currin entertained in honor of their guests, Misses Elizabeth Borden, of Goldsboro, and Mattie Baskerville, of Virginia. About one hundred invitations had been issued and there was a constant stream of guests from the hours of 2 to 6. The decorations were beautiful and appropriate and the refreshments elaborate.

The guests were received at the front door by little Miss Mary Owen. The receiving line in the hall comprised Mrs. John Booth, Mrs. W. H. Hunt, and Miss Julia Winston. The ladies presiding in the Tea Room were Mrs. C. D. Ray and Mrs. E. T. Rawlins, the young ladies serving being Misses Josephine Brown and Sophia Taylor.

In the parlor the receiving line was composed of:
Mesdames—
J. M. Currin A. H. Powell
J. A. Niles E. G. Currin

Misses—
Elizabeth Borden M. Baskerville
Margaret Currin

Trappe was served in the hall by Mrs. A. A. Hicks and Mrs. B. K. Hays.

Miss Mary B. Williams entertained from 10:30 to 12:30 at bridge whist in honor of Mrs. Randolph Marshall, of Lynchburg, Va, and Mrs. Josiah Cannady. Mrs. E. H. Crenshaw and Mrs. Dudley A. Bonitz, of Chicago, Ill, assisted Miss Williams in receiving her guests. The house was softly lighted and decorated with ferns and valentines. Dainty refreshments were served and heart shape boxes of candy were given as souvenirs. The guests were:

Mesdames—	J. A. Niles	A. H. Powell
	B. K. Hays	J. W. Cannady
	L. W. Stark	A. A. Chapman
	L. De Lacroix	W. H. Hunt
	W. L. Peace	E. H. Crenshaw
	Kate White	J. B. Powell
	W. W. Phelps	A. A. Williams
	W. D. Bryan	W. H. Britt
	J. C. Robards	S. H. Smith

Misses—
Margaret Currin Sophy Taylor
Irene Hines Lily White
Elizabeth Hilliard

Mesdames—
Geo E Carr R Marshall
Durham Virginia
D A Bonitz Miss Borden
Chicago Goldsboro
Miss Baskerville, Richmond.

In honor of Mrs. F. H. Gregory, Saturday afternoon Mrs. A. A. Chapman gave a reception at her home on College from four to six o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated in pink carnations and white. The guests were ushered in by Mrs. Hilman Cannady and Miss Lucy Landis. Mrs. A. A. Chapman, Mrs. F. H. Gregory, Mrs. Josiah Cannady, Mrs. R. O. Gregory and Miss Leah Perry, of Henderson, were in the receiving line. The guests were escorted into the sitting room by Mrs. T. Lanier and Mrs. Harry Wolfe, of Stovall, where punch was served by Miss Net Gregory, and Mrs. Dudley Bonitz; thence they were conducted into the dining room by Miss Fanny Gregory where refreshments were served by Misses Janet Gregory, Julia Winston and Annie Crews.

Mr. Alex Hunt gave a very entertaining Stag Supper Friday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Parker. Refreshments were served in five courses by Misses May White, [continued on fourth page.]

Miss Shamburger Entertains.

Sunday's News & Observer contain the following description of an entertainment given by Miss Myrtle Shamburger, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Shamburger, formerly of Oxford. The Shamburgers have a host of friends in our town.

"A delightful reception was given to the members of the Philobiblican Club Friday evening by Miss Myrtle Shamburger, complimentary to her guest, Miss Fannie Louise Neal, of Laurinburg.

The decorations were in anticipation of the celebration of St. Valentine's Day, a profusion of little hearts and hearts of all kinds being distinctive note in the decorations.

The dining room presented a most attractive appearance with the decorations of pink and white, the same color tone appearing in the heart-shaped ices and heart-shaped cakes. An interesting guessing contest was a feature of the evening. Miss Shamburger was a charming hostess. Every one enjoyed the evening thoroughly and the pleasure of meeting Miss Neal.

A Matter Corrected.

The following letter which was received a day or so ago, is published with great pleasure. The explanation follows the letter which runs:

Virginia, Va., Feb. 15th, 1909.
Messrs. Editors: I see in the Ledger of Feb. 12th, where your news reporter became so enthusiastic over the road question that he stated the matter as coming up for consideration on Monday when it was Tuesday. His enthusiasm must have continued quite a while for I see that he reported myself as one of the ten who voted nay; however the fact is that I was not present at the said road meeting neither was I at Oxford at any time during the following week, and I have always stood for good roads, and a trip over the public road leading from Buchanan to Blue Wing on which I live will be sufficient proof I think after traveling other roads in this section, and I hope you will be kind enough to make the correction. Respectfully,

J. S. POOL.

The reporter in question was not present at the time of the vote taking. Like the Irishman's skipping insect, the reporter has to do a great deal of getting about; therefore he was continuously running in and out of the good roads' meeting. The names as published were taken from the commissioners' records, and published as found there. Mr. Pool is correct in stating that he was not present. Upon looking into the mistake we find that the gentleman for whom Mr. Pool was mistaken was his brother, Mr. Stephen Pool. When the vote was being recorded some one in the room thought Mr. Stephen Pool's initials were J. S., and so called it out to the busy clerk who was trying to write as fast as names were called.

We are extremely glad to correct the matter not only in through our paper but on the minutes of the commissioners' meeting as well. We are also glad to know that Mr. J. S. Pool is on the right side of the question, as we see it.

ENTERTAINMENT AT TALLY HO. Miss Mary Jones, Elocutionist from Louisburg College, will give an entertainment at Tally Ho Graded School on Friday night, February 19th, at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Jones has just returned from New York where she has been taking training in elocution. Admission 15 cents.

Notice to Tax Payers

The law provides that the taxes shall be collected and settlement had by June. I shall endeavor to comply strictly with the law. The books will be given to the township collectors by March 15th, 1909, and those not paying before that date may expect to have cost to pay. All taxes not paid by April the first will be advertised as provided by law. If you do not wish to see your name in the paper as a delinquent you had better get busy.

S. C. HOBGOOD,
Tax Collector.

We have five good horses for sale, two nice driving horses; one ladies driving horse perfectly gentle and two good farm horses, will sell either for cash or credit.

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Insure Your Live Stock
in Southern Live Stock Insurance Co.
High Point, N. C.
J. F. Royster, Agt.,
Oxford, N. C.

Rhode Island Red pullets and hens of the best strain. Apply to J. E. Stedman
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