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## Municipal Politics.

The democratic voters of Oxford, pursuant to the call issued by the Executive Committee assembled in the Court House Friday night, March 26th, and nominated Dennis G. Brummitt, Esq., for mayor, and these candidates for commissioners:

Messrs.—  
W. H. Hunt J. P. Stedman  
S. H. Brown E. H. Crenshaw  
A. H. Powell H. G. Williams  
P. T. Farabow

Municipal politics had absorbed the attention of the people for several days previous to the convention that one could hardly keep a citizen's mind engaged upon any topic. There has been more interest manifested than has been the case in years, for this time, contrary to conditions of the past, nobody had a cinch. The presence of so many voters indicated the interest that was taken. Two ballots were required to select the candidate for mayor, the total number of votes cast on the first ballot being 277, and that of the second being 254. Never in the history of the town has such a big crowd assembled. While the rivalry was keen and active, the best of good spirits was maintained and practically everybody went away satisfied, just as they would have done had results been different.

The convention was called to order by Col. Wm. Landis, who called Gen. B. S. Royster to the chair. F. M. Pinnix was made secretary, and Messrs J. A. Taylor and L. C. Taylor, Jr., assistant secretaries.

Upon motion of Dr. T. L. Booth it was directed that the votes be taken by ballot, and Messrs. B. K. Hays and H. M. Shaw were made tellers. It having been the custom in the past to record the voters as they voted, Capt. W. A. Devin moved that a list be taken, but there being so many voters present the motion was lost on account of the time that would be consumed. Mr. J. C. Horner said that nobody would try to vote twice but if anybody did he was to be "thrown out of the window." Messrs. A. A. Hicks, F. H. H. Gregory, and J. E. Howell were made tellers.

When the nominations for mayor were called these nominations were made: Mr. Thornton Lanier by Dr. J. L. Booth; Mr. L. R. Hunt by Mr. J. M. Baird; Mr. D. G. Brummitt by Mr. Richmond L. Brown. Mr. F. W. Hancock made the largest seconding speech, he having occupied the floor in his advocacy of Mr. Brummitt for ten or fifteen minutes.

When the secretaries cast up the 277 votes of the first ballot it was found that there was no nomination, neither candidate having received a sufficiently large vote. The result was:

Brummitt	128
Lanier	77
Hunt	72

Total 277

Brummitt received the nomination on the second ballot, although his gain was but two votes, making his total on this ballot 130. The reason of this was that the other candidates lost 10 and 15 votes respectively, due to the fact that it had been decided by the convention that the lowest candidate should drop out after the second ballot in case there should be no nomination. The vote was:

Brummitt	130
Lanier	67
Hunt	57

Upon the announcement of the result Mr. Brummitt made a brief but appropriate acknowledgment of his appreciation. The other candidates were not "sore" at the result because it was known that Mr. Brummitt had the inside track, he having entered the field and done active work before the others came out.

The successful candidate is a native of Granville, though he has not been a resident of the town over a year. He is a young practicing attorney and is well liked by the public. He is enthusiastic and has the interest of his town and county at heart.

## COMMISSIONERS.

Owing to the great number of voters in the assembly, it was voted to accept the seven highest candidates. There were about 30 candidates, the first seven being the successful ones. The full vote of those who received ten or more votes was:

W. H. Hunt	165
S. H. Brown	141
A. H. Powell	135
J. P. Stedman	131
E. H. Crenshaw	120
H. G. Williams	115
P. T. Farabow	113
J. H. Bullock	78
J. Robert Wood	72
R. L. Brown	47
E. W. Harris	44
A. A. Hicks	28
C. W. Bryan	20
J. P. Floyd	19
L. J. Davis	15
R. S. Urry	14
J. A. Niles	12
R. P. Taylor	11
S. B. Cannady	10

It was a great municipal convention.

## Singing Class to Go Out.

The management of the Oxford Orphan Asylum announces that according to present plans, the Singing Class of 1909 will enter upon its eastern tour on Tuesday, April 6th. This trip will close before the Saint John's Day celebration at Oxford in June. Near the last of July the second or western tour will begin.

Our people rightly esteem the important service rendered by our orphan's homes and they are ever ready to lend a helping hand to this noble work.

About 325 of the orphan children of North Carolina are now receiving the benefits of this efficient institution at Oxford. Since it was established in 1872 about 2,500 boys and girls have been under its care. The beneficent results of such work are great beyond measure.

The concerts of the children are of a high order. The entertainments delight our people, who have been in the past, pleased to give them a patronage liberal indeed. The concert itself is worthy of hearty support and the great cause the Class represents makes the appeal to us doubly strong.

We again commend this most worthy enterprise and bespeak for the concerts the largest patronage they have ever enjoyed.

The Asylum is one of the noblest institutions of Our Grand Old State. It is turning out many of our best citizens and its work cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

## Mr. Stovall Dead.

There died at Stovall on the 27th of March, Mr. Alexander Marrow Stovall, brother of 'Squire Wilkins Stovall, Mr. Tom Stovall, Mrs. A. S. Carrington, and Mrs. J. P. Blackwell. He is survived by these and a wife and six children, two girls and four boys. He was born on the 21st of May 1848, and the burial took place in the family burying ground on March 28th.

Last Saturday night Mr. Stovall retired in his usual health, but soon thereafter his wife found him sitting up in the bed gasping. A doctor was summoned but before anything could be done Mr. Stovall died. It is supposed that an attack of acute indigestion seized him and his heart being weak died before relief could be given.

A gentleman who knew Mr. Stovall said that he had been a good, faithful Christian for over five years and that he was a good neighbor, and especially loving and kind to his family.

## Fire in Oxford.

Last Friday night about 12:30 the fire alarm was sounded and sleepy citizens bounded out of bed to learn that a fire was found in the bakery of Sizemore Brothers. Mr. Will Wiley, who occupied a room directly above the store discovered the blaze and promptly made the alarm. The fire was put out before it had done a hundred dollars worth of damage.

The theory is that a rat had gotten into the drawer where matches are kept and struck one causing the others to ignite. The breaking of jars and popping sounds coming from bursting cans attracted Mr. Wiley's attention.

The fire company responded immediately. The hose was carried in the bakery, and taken right up to the burning shelves. So well did the boys handle it that no damage was done with water and the fire damage was kept down under a hundred dollars, as stated. The books and magazines almost under the shelves were not even wet by drops of water. There was about \$800 in insurance carried on the stock consequently the loss is well protected.

The firemen are to be commended for their quick response and splendid judgment after arrival. It was a credit to have stopped the blaze and leave no damage from water. It was said that this was the best managed fire in the history of the Company.

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.

We can suit you in a hat from the cheapest straw to the finest Panama. Our stock is complete; the price will please at Crenshaw's.

The new administration is entirely satisfactory and will continue the good things done by the past administration.

Capt. W. A. Devin and his administration as it steps out will have the gratification of having done a great many things for the prosperity and upbuilding of Oxford. A good Old Board steps out and yields to a good New Board.

## Damage to Machinery.

J. T. Mitchell, colored, of Creedmoor, brought in the report Tuesday of an unfortunate accident in the Creedmoor Brick and Lumber Company.

On Monday at about half past ten some part of the machinery was over speeded, causing a general tearing up. Machinery, belts, bolts, and lumber were jerked and torn and wrenched. The fireman, Wesley Jones, colored, had a big hole knocked in his head and was rendered unconscious until night. Dr. Thompson at one time thought that he would die.

## The Horner Reunion.

Interest is being greatly increased in the Horner Reunion and the affair will be an assured success. The various committees are very active and already the "Old Boys" out of the county are writing about it. The press over the state and many papers in the South are making references to the Reunion.

Every Horner boy in Granville county should go to the Granville Real Estate & Trust Company's office and register, or write to Mr. A. H. Powell, Mr. C. L. Wright, chairman of the recording committee, or the secretary, and see that his name is properly enrolled in the roster kept in the office.

The plans have not been definitely made, and many of the details have not been threshed out, but the programme for the 26th of May, the date of the Reunion, will be practically as follows:

At 10 a. m., competition drill between the Horner companies and perhaps other military manoeuvres.

At 11 a. m., Baseball.

At 3:30 p. m., the Address will be delivered.

At 9:00 the banquet will be given when the speeches, toasts, responses, etc., will be made.

The following announcement and call has been sent out by the committees:

"Oxford, N. C., March 24, 1909. It will be of general interest through this and adjoining States, and of special interest to all of the men and boys who have in the past attended Horner School, Oxford, N. C., to know that there has been formed in Oxford an organization of "Old Horner Boys," and each and every one, no matter where now located, is cordially requested to send to the Secretary at Oxford, N. C., his name, present address and years of attendance at Horner.

The object of this organization is for preserving the good fellowship and happy memories of days spent at the Horner School, and it is believed that this movement will appeal keenly to the hearts of every "Old Horner Boy."

It is proposed by the Local Association to have a Re-Union of "Old Horner Boys" at Oxford, N. C., on the occasion of the Horner School Commencement the last week in May, 1909. The features of this Re-Union will be an address by some favorite speaker, and at night a Banquet will be spread, and Toasts will be responded to by a number of especially chosen "Old Horner Boys," and there will be also impromptu remarks which will greatly add to the spirit of the occasion.

Everything possible will be done to make this occasion a pleasant and memorable one, and the people of Oxford as a unit will join with the local "Old Horner Boys" in extending cordial and open hospitality to all who may come. The following official call has been issued:

## REUNION OF OLD STUDENTS

It has been decided to hold a Re-Union of the Old Students of Horner School. Every old boy is requested to send promptly to the Secretary his address, and the address of all others known to him.

DR. N. M. FEREBEE, President.  
S. W. PARKER, Vice-President.  
A. H. POWELL, Vice-President.  
F. M. PINNIX, Secretary.

Oxford, N. C.

Fresh Washington bread, rolls buns, hay \$1.10 per bale at W. L. Peace Cash Store, Phone 130 A.

## A Wise Idea.

See my elaborate line of spring and summer samples, (1500 different patterns) before purchasing your suit for the coming season.

M. C. TAYLOR,  
Merchant Tailor.

## White Building.

Landreth, Crossman, Ferry's garden seeds at Hall's Drug Store.

I have just returned from the Kansas City Veterinary College and am prepared to serve the public. Phone me at I. W. Bullock Company. John Bullock, Creedmoor, N. C.

## About the Roads.

Last week we announced that Dr. James Hyde Pratt, of the State Economic Survey Board, and Mr. W. L. Spoon, United States Road Engineer, has arrived in Oxford to inspect our county roads, with a view of making recommendations.

Last Wednesday week Dr. Pratt, Mr. Spoon, the commissioners and several other citizens drove out to inspect the Oxford and Providence road with a view of relocation, as the commissioners had decided to put the convicts at work upon it at once. Dr. Pratt and Mr. Spoon recommended that Mr. A. A. Chapman be requested to make a survey of the lines on each side of the railroad. Dr. Pratt, on account of an engagement at Edenton, had to take the train at Providence and leave the party. Mr. Spoon on March 30th went down in Halifax to fill a date he has made there but he will return on the 2nd of April when he will take up the Providence road matter with Mr. Chapman.

After the departure of Dr. Pratt last Wednesday week, Mr. Spoon continued with commissioners and examined the mile of macadam road at Kimball's Mill. From that point they went across the bridge of Beasley and Minor's Mill on Tar River, returning on the same day to town.

The next day, Thursday, Mr. Spoon went with Registrar Powell and Commissioner Wilkerson on a tour of inspection over the roads of Sassafras Fork and Oak Hill.

On Friday, with Mr. Powell and Commissioner T. L. Cannady he examined the roads in Fishing Creek leading to Fairport and Kittrell and thence by Wilton as far as Mr. H. D. Mangum's, returning by the way of Blackwell's bridge to Oxford.

On Saturday Mr. Spoon spent the day with Mr. Chapman in making a closer inspection of the Providence road. When this road is to be worked by the convict force, which will be immediately after a decision as to the location, it will be done very probably with the amount left over from the 20 cent road tax. It is hoped that the expenses will not have to come out of the bond issue.

Mr. Ralph Currin, commissioner for Southern Granville, drove Mr. Spoon over a large part of Dutchville and examined particularly Masonic Hill, near Knap or Reeds, and Mollic Hill, between Creedmoor and Benahan.

Tuesday, as stated, Mr. Spoon was compelled to go to Halifax and there remain until the second of April. On that day he will finally locate the Providence road.

Mr. Spoon is considered to be one of the best of the road experts in the employment of the government. Dr. Pratt is making an effort to have him permanently assigned to North Carolina and Virginia for the next two years. If this is done, we can then have the benefit of the services of one of the best road men in the country.

Mr. Spoon expressed himself as much pleased and interested in what he saw of the conditions in Granville county. He said that while the roads in certain directions were in fearful condition, those in other parts were very good indeed. While the proper expenditure of the \$100,000 a vast, lasting benefit can be made. In many parts, says Mr. Spoon, it is a question of proper location. It will be cheaper to build entirely new roads rather than attempt to work those now used.

Chairman of County Commissioner Lassiter is having many applications for the bond issue, and two of the bids already received are for 105 at 5 per cent. It is thought best, however, to wait a while and see if the bonds can't be sold at par for 4 or 4½ per cent. This is evidently the best plan if it can be made successful for it would be a saving of either \$1,000 or \$500 per year. There is going to be no trouble in making a fine distribution of the issue, such fine condition is Granville county in.

Our aggregation of men's and women's low cut shoes for spring is the greatest we have ever shown. We have them in all leathers, at all prices. The shapes are the nobbiest and the newest at Crenshaw's, next door to Crenwillo Drug Co Main St.

Flower seeds at Stedman's in paper, and some varieties, such as Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, etc., by weight.

## Warned Not to Harbor or Hire.

I hereby notify all persons not to harbor or hire one Joe Lindsey, colored, who has left my employment without leave. R. T. Moss 2t. pd.

If you want vegetable or flower seeds of the best quality and true to name, get them of J. P. Stedman.

## Commencement Stem High School.

Stem High School is having its commencement this Thursday and Friday nights. Great preparations have been made to make a success of the closing days, and no pains have been spared to reach that end.

Thursday night, there will be many interesting things done by the younger folks. Recitations, dialogues, exercises, songs, drills, and charades will be rendered.

Friday morning at 10:15 following a song by the entire school, a recitation, and chorus, Prof. E. C. Brooks, of Durham, will deliver the literary address. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be another interesting programme which will conclude with the debate "Resolved, that North Carolina should have compulsory education." Horace Robinson and Fred M. Daniel representing the affirmative, and Wiley S. Cozart and David L. Hardee, the negative.

The annual concert will be given Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The marshals are:

John B. Mays, Jr., Chief.  
Wiley S. Cozart Lonnie Bullock  
Earl Green Amos Clement  
Robert Crews Eugene Whitaker

## New Advertisements.

The Tar Valley Manufacturing Co. on the 8th page has a great deal of interest for the public this week. The opening of this big, new institution is scheduled for April the 20th. It is a big enterprise financed and managed by home capital and a successful career is predicted for the Company. Read the entertaining advertisement.

The Granville Real Estate & Trust Company is opening up a little Easter chat about a home or farm. If you will read the advertisement you will find it worth while. It is on the 4th page.

Cohn & Son tell in this issue of many personal and mail order requests that they have received. The special sale, they say, has been continued. Look up the ad on the 4th page.

## Another Entertaining Letter.

A certain young lady overheard her small brother and a little negro boy plotting to frighten a neighboring little boy. When night had spread her sable wings over the earth and the moon came up and transformed every bush and tree into uncertainty the little negro, robed in sepulchral garments, was to repair to a certain clump of shrubbery and there await the passing of the victim. As the fateful hour drew near the young lady likewise attired herself in the winding sheet and repaired to the appointed rendezvous where she concealed herself. When the little negro appeared upon the scene she slowly arose from behind the shrubbery. "God a' Mighty!" Dare's a shov' hant!" and with a bloodcurdling shriek the little negro fled precipitately.

The Citizen finds himself somewhat in the position of the little pickaninny. He started out to say something funny about others and the Editor "turned the tables" on him. Even a very small boy does not like to be called a girl. What then must be the offended dignity of a citizen of Oxford to find his august communications mistaken for the feeble efforts of a woman.

Has the Editor forgotten about Caesar having his Brutus, Charles I his Cromwell and—didn't he say—"Editors may profit by their example? If this be a threat make the most of it!"

## NEMESIS.

N. B. Adverse criticism caused the Citizen to make application during the recent session of the legislature to have his name changed to the above. This was the most important act of this legislature, their time being chiefly engaged in framing an anti-trust law that would not interfere with the trusts. However, it cannot be said of them that they were not patriotic—they were as patriotic as the man who was willing to shed every drop of his relations blood for his country. They were willing to spend every cent of the people's money for public improvements. It is to be hoped they left the people sufficient to sustain life until the coming of these improvements. Seriously, be it far from the Citizen to secure any movement for the progress and uplifting of our race. It is bread cast upon the waters. It will return to us after many days.

[A thousand pardons if you please, Mr. Citizen. We knew you were a man all the time, but wanted to pay you the very highest compliment in the catalogue of gallantry, so we referred to you as being of the fair sex. Can't a man be fair.]

As a compromise, would we be dynamited if we refer to you as Citizen?

Do you belong to the Mafia or the or the Blackhand?—Editor]

## The Laying of the Corner Stone.

General B. S. Royster has accepted the invitation of the Daughters of the Confederacy to act as Chief Marshal on Decoration day which is the 10th of May when the corner stone of the Confederate Monument will be laid. All the plans as yet are in formation, but the general and the "Daughters" will get together and get out a fitting programme for such an important occasion.

These are the plans made so far. They will probably be carried out, but they are subject to change.

The procession will form in front of the Oxford Seminary, the point from which the original Granville Grays lined up and said good-bye as they left, many of them never to return, for the war. The procession will be very imposing, and it is expected that enormous crowds will witness the event. In line there will be camps of Odd Fellows, Masons, members of the Junior order of American Mechanics, Horner Cadets, Granville Grays, Confederate Veterans, Vance County Guards, Daughters of the Confederacy, school children, Press Reporters, the mayor and officials of the town, Orphan, and many citizens.

General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will be the Orator of the Day, and Judge A. W. Graham will be in command of the Veterans in line. Gen. Robert E. Lee's favorite hymn "How Firm a Foundation" with the band accompaniment will be sung by the assembled throng.

The completed program will be announced in a later issue.

## Corn Contest.

More prizes are weekly being added to the Corn Contest list, and the boys are writing in great numbers to Superintendent Webb. These new prizes are offered too late for inclusion in the general list.

The Public Ledger offers a year's tuition in Horner School, which is valued at \$100. Some bright Granville boy is going to earn his year's schooling. Who is it going to be?

The Granville Real Estate & Trust Company offers \$5.00 in cash.

Messrs. Bullock & Mitchell also offers a like sum, these prizes running the valuation of the prizes to date up to over \$300. And the interest is really just beginning to grow.

Why does not each township get up a list for distribution in the township? Think it over, you daddies of boys.

## Mr. Arrington Dead.

On March the 27th at seven p. m. Mr. J. B. Arrington departed this life. On the 29th the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. G. Urry, the burial taking place at Satterwhite. Mrs. Arrington had survived her husband but 24 days, his death having occurred on the 3rd of March last.

Our new spring clothing is the seasons best productions. Styles are great and prices the lowest at Crenshaw's. Next door to Crenwillo Drug Co. Main St.

## Sale of Cotton Mill Stock.

The undersigned as administrator, with the will annexed, of W. L. Mitchell, deceased, will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, by public auction, at the court house door in Oxford, N. C., on Monday, April 5th 1909, at 12 o'clock m., the following stock:

Ten shares preferred stock Oxford Cotton Mill, of the par value of \$100, per share. This stock pays five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July of each year. This March 12th, 1909. W. Z. MITCHELL, Administrator.

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

We handle every thing usual in a well appointed drug store. Quality the highest and service unexcelled at Crenwillo Drug Co, next door to Crenshaw's, Main St.

Large stock of horse blankets and lap robes. Prices low at Bullock & Crenshaw.

"Snowdrift" lard 10c lb, Luzianne coffee 23c pkg, shipstuf \$170. W. L. Peace Cash Store, Phone 130 A.

I will be at Puckett Bros Store, at Stovall, on Saturday, April 10th, prepared to take repair work and will have with me samples of jewelry. J. H. Waller, Manager Oxford Jewelry Company.

I Wisburg, Merchant Tailor, has opened a shop over J. Robert Wood's Store. He makes clothing to order and does repair work on short notice. Give him a call.