

OXFORD SEMINARY CLOSES

THE FINAL EXERCISES—A LARGE CROWD PRESENT FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS.

Baccalaureate Sermon was Preached by Rev. J. Y. Fair, of Richmond Virginia.

On Saturday evening, May 14th in the chapel of Oxford Seminary, Miss Mary Lee Lyles gave her graduation recital in the School of Piano. She was assisted by Miss Green and also Miss Wharton.

- The following program was rendered: Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Bach. Sonata op. 57... Beethoven. Allegro assai. Andante con moto. Allegro ma non troppo. Op Golden Moment... Jensen. Open Thy Blue Eyes... Masseneit. Miss Green. Prelude op. 28, No. 3... Chopin. Nectarine op. 57, No. 1... Chopin. Polonaise op. 26, No. 1... Chopin. He, the Best of All... Schumann. Miss Wharton. Improvisation op. 143, No. 3... Schubert. Valse op. 34, No. 1... Moszkowski. Miss Lyles.

The classic purity of the Bach Prelude and Fugue was as fitting medium for the display of her clearness of thought.

The Sonata, Opassionata, portraying the whole range of emotions, is a severe test of a pianist's ability. This she met, both technically and in artistic comprehension.

The exquisite tenderness of the Chopin Prelude, the lyric beauty of the Nocturne, the passion and strength of the Polonaise made further revelation of her attainments.

Her phrasing and tone-quality in the Schubert Impromptu gave intense pleasure, as did her dashing brilliancy in the Moszkowski Waltz.

Miss Lyles is a pianist of unusual promise. The songs of Miss Green and Miss Wharton were artistically rendered and added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The faculty and students of the Oxford Seminary, together with their friends and well-wishers, filled the Baptist Church of Oxford on Sunday morning, May 15th, 1910. The occasion was the delivery of the Baccalaureate Sermon. The music was furnished by a choir composed of members of the faculty and student body of the Seminary. The preacher of the occasion was Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D., pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Va. His subject was an Ideal Woman, as Portrayed by Christ. He based the sermon on the incident of the Syro-Phoenician woman, who came to Christ begging him to heal her daughter. He showed that woman found her true sphere in a realm of faith, reverence and unselfishness. It was a sermon of great beauty and thought and expression, and made a profound impression on the audience.

On Sunday evening, May 15th, 1910, the annual sermon before the Young Women's Christian Association was preached by Rev. C. L. Powers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of High Point, N. C. His text was: "Consider the Lilies." In a thoroughly interesting and forceful way he drew many lessons from the beauty, real ministry, a ministry of unobtrusive influence, true royalty, the lilies—real growth, real or natural, that of character double immortal; real power, that of unselfishness.

The class of 1910 of Oxford Seminary held its final exercises on Monday morning, May 16th. The occasion was one of peculiar attractiveness, its charm being due to the combined effect of the beauty of the season, the witchery of girlish grace and gladness, and the resistless appeal of youth.

With a thrill of pleasure the large audience saw the line of white-robed students file into the chapel. At the end of the line marched the Senior class, first preceded by the Juniors, who, pausing in the central aisle, formed a beautiful arch of daisies for the Seniors on the way to their places on the rostrum. Many sweet young voices blended in the commencement hymn, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," and this was followed by prayer led by Rev. L. S. Massey, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Oxford.

The rostrum presented a view pleasing in its simplicity, for evergreens and ferns formed a beautiful background from the semicircle of Seniors in their black robes. Miss Kent Hodnett presided with easy grace over the exercises of the class. The program which followed held the interested attention of the audience throughout.

- Greeting—Ruby Pulliam, B.L. Air de Ballet... Chamblade. History—Lydia Yates, B.L. Cantique L'Anour... Liszt. Prophecy—Ruth Wharton, B.L. Evelyn Howell. Will—Sallie Mae Snider, B. A. Parting Words—Minnie Royster, B. A. Air de Ballet... Moszkowski Jewell Ballard.

The musical numbers interspersed accorded well with the charms of the occasion. The Greeting of Miss Ruby Pulliam was frankly joyous. Though merely one of a long procession of salutations, she was, she said, more sincere and glad in welcoming the audience to "this trusting-place of the past and future."

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ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE KILLING AT OAK HILL.

Writer Says that the Place Where Negro was Killed was a Public Highway—Says that Woman had only one Child.

Mr. Editor of the Public Ledger: We saw an item in your last issue regarding the murder case near Oak Hill on Sunday the 8th, of this month. We can't see how all of it is correct. While we aren't taking any part in it only to correct a part of it. We learn from witness that the colored man that was shot, was on his way to church. He his daughter and another colored girl on the buggy with him driving along the public road, passing by road that leads through an old place that was called the Lassiter place and we have been told that this same road has been a passway leading in to public roads about north and south of the old homestead Lassiter place that John Rogers and his sister now own and this road has been a passway for all people to pass over for about a hundred years or longer while we don't think it was worked by the public but was an open passway. Regarding the woman that shot and killed the colored man, Joe Kinton, on the 8th of May, we can't understand how it was that she killed him in this road that leads on near by her house through the old plantation as it was a regular passway. Some people who reside near this woman state that she and Kinton's children had been quarrelling some and that she put up some of Kinton's cows some two months ago and tried to make him pay \$5 or \$7 for them and then told him on the back of this if he come on her land any more that she was going to shoot him. The item in the last issue of the Ledger stated that she had 3 or 4 little children with her, but we don't know of but one that lives with her and he is nearly grown up anywhere from 14 to 18 years old. This makes three men that have been shot and killed in 2 and 3 and 6 miles of Oak Hill in about 3 years time and it seems the older the times are the nearer some people get. We can't understand how it is that people have their name on the church books and so good in church and then some of them will let Satan lead them to do murder and other meanness. We can't see any religion in such and God doesn't hold with such either. We must remember that one man's life is as sweet to him as another and one child's life is as sweet to that child as another and we know we live in a free country and we know it is so much better to go right and do right than to go wrong and if we do a crime we know that we will be punished for it and if we do murder we know we've done one of the worst of all and if justice is meted out we know our time is short and our punishment is bad. While we notice in a great many murder cases the murderer gets off very light. Just a few years in the state for the same thing to go on and in prison. While all of this leaves room is growing on the people as fast as time can roll owing to the light punishments that is put on people for their meanness. Now when murder is committed what do the people say about it?

The first thing you hear is that he or she won't be hung. They will let it state prison for a few years and some will get clear. The money makes the horse run and that's the end here. Now to make matters straight and justice to all white and colored men and women, none ought to be excused, because in Law all should be punished according to deed they do. There is a big number of people that can see but a few that know, but every tub should set on its own bottom while all is trying to plead their own case and to do it a big lie is often told and truth is seldom heard with some people.

COMMUNICATED.

Strength of the Primaries.

Under the Democratic plan of Organization each precinct is entitled to one vote in the County Convention for every 25 Democratic votes for Governor last election (one vote for every minor part of 25 Democratic votes).

Therefore the Precincts of Granville County are entitled to the following number of votes in the County Convention:

- Dement 3. BellTown 3. Wilton 7. Grissom 3. Creedmoor 6. Wilkins 4. Tally Ho 5. Geneva 4. Berea 2. Howard 3. Oak Hill 3. Buchanan 3. Bullock 2. Stovall 3. Salem 3. Total... 71. Necessary to choose any fraction over 35 1-2.

An Ideal Husband

is patient, even with a nagging wife, for he knows she needs help. She may be so nervous and run-down in health that trifles annoy her. If she is melancholy, excitable, troubled by loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, constipation or fainting and dizzy spells she needs Electric Bitters—the most wonderful remedy for ailing women. Thousands of sufferers from female troubles, nervous troubles, headache and weak kidneys have used them and become healthy and happy. Try them. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. G. Hall.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The Following Editorial was taken from Saturday's edition of the Charlotte Observer and is Very Good.

"Within the last generation people seem to have begun to realize in a peculiar degree just how fundamentally our civilization is based on the farm. A phrase coined by Colonel Bryan in his Chicago convention speech fourteen years ago comes to mind; he declared that were the cities to be wiped out they would be quickly rebuilt, but that the wiping out of the farm would spell the immediate destruction of the nation. Years ago, the typical farmer used to be thought of as one who did father and grandfather did these things in ascertain way because his same things after that fashion; in other words the small farm was believed to be the stronghold of a somewhat narrow conservatism. The great increase in the diffusion of information and the facilities for communication, and latterly the widespread introduction of the telephone have caused a radical change in the farmer's attitude. As never before the agricultural interests of the country are in the hands of progressive, wide-awake men who are bending every energy to make the best possible use of the Almighty's gifts of land and air, of rain and sun."

A marked evidence of this progressive spirit is the attention which is being devoted to scientific farming by our educational authorities. Not far beyond the immediate section, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Clemson College in South Carolina and the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta are standing shoulder to shoulder without fine Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh in the great work of training men to be farmers. The alumni of these institutions who go to the farm do so, not because their fathers were farmers but because they prefer that calling to all others and in it the best possible chance for a career of combined usefulness and happiness.

Partially as an outgrowth of this educational interest in our farms, there has come to be established in sections of the country the custom of holding farmers' institutes, where the men of the laboratory can meet and mingle with the men who are actually driving the plow and binder. Plans are already nearly complete for the institutes which are to be held in Mecklenburg county this summer, and many other counties in the State are urging the work quite as energetically. The establishment of the institutes originated from a belief that our farmers were not sharing in the benefits incident to the tremendous advance made by chemistry and allied sciences. The constant aim of those in charge should be to combine the results of practical experience with those of theoretical research; and the more closely a golden mean is approximated in the combination, the more valuable will the institutes prove.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, Almighty God in his wise Providence has called our fellow member, Capt. S. H. Brown, into the Great Beyond and while we are at a loss to understand his being taken away from us, yet we bow humbly in submission to His will.

Therefore, be it resolved: FIRST, that in the death of Capt. Brown, the Board of Graded School Trustees of the Town of Oxford, has lost a most valuable member, and we will greatly miss his good advice and wise counselings.

SECOND, That we express to his family our deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

THIRD, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Board.

FOURTH, That same be published in the Oxford Public Ledger.

JOHN WEBB, J. P. STEEDMAN, R. H. LEWIS, Committee.

MAKES HIS SEVENTEENTH.

Sheriff Wheeler Added Another to His Increasing List of Captured Stills—Manufacturer of the Ardent was No Where to be Found.

On May 16th Sheriff Wheeler and Rivers Blackley raided the county near Mr. Vassar Peace's and captured a still. The still was a large one, one of the largest that the sheriff has ever captured. Besides capturing utensils, provisions and other things Sheriff Wheeler captured a sixty gallon capacity machine. There was no one at the still at the arrival of the Sheriff and his Deputy, consequently no arrests were made.

Delightful Entertainment.

Last Monday Mrs. W. W. Phelps entertained the Bridge Club in honor of Mrs. Bacon. Those present were: Mesdames: J. C. Roberts, J. A. Niles, E. H. Crenshaw, H. G. William, J. W. Cannady, P. H. Montgomery, A. A. Chapman, Misses Francis Gregory, Annie Taylor, Mary E. Williams.

Miss Jeannette Clark, of northern part of the County was an Oxford visitor this week.

Mrs. D. A. Burwell and Miss Mary Younger, of Stovall were in Oxford one day recently.

Miss Jeannette Biggs has received a letter from Miss Elizabeth Hilliard, stating that Mr. Hilliard has had a severe fall. He was unconscious and was under the care of a trained nurse. The many friends of the Hilliards in Oxford regret very much Mr. Hilliard's misfortune and hope that he will soon be all right.

ANOTHER MURDER IN COUNTY.

Deceased was a Colored man—Bad Blood in the Neighborhood—The Murder was the Result of Bad Feeling.

In Brasfield the sixteenth of May Green Lyon, colored, was shot and killed by an unknown party. Giles Parker, also colored, was arrested and held for the murder, but proved an alibi and was released. There has been blood between the colored people of this community for some time and the murder is supposed to have grown out of this bad feeling. The party who committed the crime is still at large and a warrant is out for his arrest.

HUNTING BEARS WITH SPEARS.

One of the Methods of Killing Bruin in Northern Europe.

(The Field). During the last few years I have had the satisfaction of killing a fair number of bears, the biggest and perhaps the most interesting game of Northern Europe, and have studied ways of these animals both in Sweden and in Finnish and Russian Karelia, where I have come across thirty-six bears altogether, and have myself killed or caught twenty-three including six young ones. My Russian and Finnish bear hunting has always taken place in winter, but it has been done in various ways. The one which has afforded me the greatest amount of enjoyment was hunting the bear on skis, and I will first relate my experiences in that direction.

I have twice hunted bear with spear. One one occasion the bear was in a boggy country, and we soon found the entrance, outside which I took up my position, armed with my bear spear, which is a strong ash pole rather more than six feet long, with a steel point of about twelve inches; in order to protect it from the teeth of the bear the lower part of the pole is covered with copper. The moment the bear appeared I tried to hit him in the throat but he parried with his paw and my spear missed. The bear came further out and I managed to thrust my spear well into his chest; he got ferocious and bit viciously at the copper coating, at the same time trying to knock the spear out of my hand with his paw. He used his teeth with such force that they almost penetrated the copper, and higher up the pole he tore out great splinters of wood. It took all my time to hold my own against him, but by degrees he tired and lay down at the entrance to the lair. I drew out the spear to let the blood flow more freely, but the bear still had strength enough left to snap at the point of the spear with such violence that he made some big marks in the metal with his teeth. My friend now came up and gave him coup de grace with his spear. The fight lasted about five minutes.

To tackle a bear with a spear in the summer time when the ground is hard is a serious business although I bear is as lithe as a cat and uses his paws with surprising rapidity and force. Even in winter when snow sometimes hinders his movements one needs a cool head and a strong arm. A well-known Norwegian bear hunter commenting on the use of the spear when bear hunting, either wild or in pursuit of a wounded bear, recommends in the latter case that the spear should be so carried that it trails on the ground with the bottom end and the point held a little behind one's body. When the bear rushes at the hunter the latter steps back one step and the bear splits itself on the spear, which, with it other end finds support on the ground. It is more especially in Northern Norway that the spear is used at bear hunts, and such spears are often handed down from father to son through several generations, the same spear often having been the death of the spear which, with it other end both great coolness and adroitness, and now that both magazine rifle and revolver are used in bear hunting the use of the spear is less frequent than formerly. A member of the recent Danish Literary Expedition relates how the polar Eskimo hunts the ice bear with a spear considering it below the dignity of a bear hunter to use firearms.

Mrs. Capehart Entertains.

Mrs. Armistead Capehart entertained at Euchre on Saturday Afternoon. were dainty and delicious, consisting and charmed her friends by her generous hospitality. The refreshments she made a most gracious hostess of a salad course, followed by ices, cake and bon bons. The prizes were handsome. Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Burwell and Mrs. Henry Hunt cutting for the hand-painted rose jar, while Mrs. Esvin won the other prize—a fan.

These were present: Mesdames: De la Croix, Caldwell, Josiah Cannady, J. A. Niles, W. A. Devlin, Kate White, T. N. Burwell, W. H. Hunt, Misses Fannie, Nette and Janet Gregory, Jane Caldwell, Minnie Gray, Maud Parham, Emma Burwell.

Winston-Webb.

The following has been received: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson/Winston request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter GERTRUDE

MR. FRANK BLOUNT WEBB on the evening of Wednesday, the first of June at nine o'clock, at CHRIST CHURCH, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. J. W. Daniel, of Route 7, was in town Thursday.

MAYOR BRUMMITT INTERVIEWED

Says He Believes that County Fair Will be Held this Fall, but Doubts the Expediency of Being too Ambitious this Year.

To the Ledger man the Mayor said: "Yes, I think that I can safely say that the county fair will be held this fall." Of course, we can't say definitely what proportions it will assume in this the first year of its existence. Personally I doubt the wisdom of our attempting anything of a very ambitious nature this year. The leading farmers of the County have not shown that interest in the enterprise which it had been expected that they would evince. The public mind must be educated to an appreciation of the value of a County Fair. If the Fair is made a success this year, even though conducted on a small scale, it can then be extended and its proportions enlarged in years before us.

Prof. J. O. Schaub of the A. & M. College was in town last Saturday and called our attention to the Street Fair held at Hickory. This—one of the most successful local fairs in the State—is held in the street of the town. That a fair held under such disadvantages has been made a success simply show what pluck, determination and an aroused public interest can accomplish.

Several days ago the Location Committee held a meeting and inspected several places near town which have been tentatively offered for a permanent location for the fair grounds. I take it that this Committee will be ready to report the results of its investigations to the fair organization at its next meeting.

A meeting of the stockholders has been called for next Monday, May 23rd, at 11:30 o'clock to be held in the Court House. Prof. Schaub has kindly consented to be present at this meeting and deliver an address. Every stockholder should be present at this meeting. Prof. Schaub is deeply interested in work for the improvement of Agricultural conditions in North Carolina; he has traveled extensively throughout the State, is acquainted with the methods adopted to put other local fairs on a successful footing and can be of great service in giving us suggestions. His address will be of general interest and the public is cordially invited to be present. Especially would we be glad to have a representative present from every local fair of the Farmers' Union in the County."

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION for the FIFTH DISTRICT.

By order of the Executive Committee at a meeting held in Greensboro, N. C., May 7th, 1910, the Democratic Congressional Convention for the Fifth District is hereby called to meet in Greensboro, N. C. July 5th, 1910, at 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidate for representative of Congress, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

In the Convention each county in the district is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for every fifty Democratic votes, and one delegate and one alternate for fractions of over twenty-five Democratic votes cast therein for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election. Said delegates and alternates to be elected by the respective county conventions in each county, and none but delegates and alternates, so elected shall be entitled to seats in the said Convention.

T. C. HOYLE, Chairman. G. H. HASTINGS, Sec'y. May 16th, 1910.

Thanks for Kindness.

We the undersigned take this method of returning our sincere thanks to the many people who so kindly helped us to relieve the sufferings of our mother, the late Mrs. Sarah R. Elliott, while sick, and so tenderly laid her remains in their last resting place after her death. We will try to ever kindly remember them and wish that happiness may be bestowed upon them all.

Robt. G. Elliott. Mrs. D. A. Moore. Mrs. Hettie Sizemore.

Prizes for the Corn Contest.

I wish to call the attention of the boys of the county to the following opportunities open to them for prizes in corn raising.

FIRST: The county and township prizes in which might be included the \$75.00 offered by the Granville Commercial Club to be open to any one in the County, regardless of age or sex.

SECOND: The State prize of \$50 to each District.

THIRD: \$1,500 offered by the Progressive Farmer open to the Southern States.

FOURTH: The State Fair prize \$175 for best exhibit of 20 ears in 3 premiums: \$100, \$50, and \$25.

FIFTH: Daville Fair prize \$100.

SIXTH: Granville County Fair prize the amount to be announced later.

SEVENTH: Trip to Washington by State Department of Agriculture.

EIGHTH: Certificate given by the Governor of the State. None of these chances in any way conflict with any of the others. Those wishing to join the State contest which also enrolls them as candidates for the certificates and trip to Washington, should write to me or T. B. Parker, Raleigh, for a blank; for the Progressive Farmer prize to Clarence H. Pou, Raleigh; Danville Fair, Secretary of Fair Association, Danville, Va. Those who have sent their names to me are enrolled for the County prizes only. J. F. WEBB.

AN INTERESTING MEETING

OXFORD IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY MEETS IN THE COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS.

The Mayor and several Citizens present at the Meeting—A Report of the Various Committees—Work accomplished by the Society.

The Oxford Improvement Society held its regular monthly meeting in the rooms of the Granville Commercial Club with an unusually large number of members present. The Mayor, Mr. J. Robt. Wood, representing the Merchant's Association, Chief of Police Luther Roberts, Dr. T. L. Booth, and a representative of the Ledger were invited to attend the meeting and express opinion as to what was necessary for the town from a hygienic as well as an aesthetic standpoint.

Mayor Brummitt made a splendid talk to the ladies of the Society, telling them that he would do all he could to assist them. He spoke of what a change had taken place as to the status of women as compared with the conditions of years ago. He told them that the Oxford Improvement Society was an institution of which the town and County is proud and had a right to be. The Mayor made a good speech and the ladies present showed that they enjoyed his talk by the applause which his Honor received.

His speech will be reported in full in next week's issue. Dr. Tom Booth talked on the subject of health. He told how unhealthy the flies made things and that they should be entirely exterminated. He said that this could be done by only systematic work, and he discussed health conditions in general.

He and Chief Roberts inspected the various places where meat was sold and both reported that conditions were anything but conducive to health. Those that were dangerous were notified to take the proper precautions.

The Ledger man was very much impressed with the business-like manner with which the meeting was conducted and with the seriousness and dignity of the members. Everything said or done was in a perfectly easy way and business was dispatched, as well as any organization of which the writer knows. We believe that the Oxford Improvement Society will accomplish wonders in keeping our town healthy and clean and pretty, and with the hearty co-operation of the citizens, this city ought to always make a good appearance. Without the support of the people the society can do nothing.

We have the utmost faith in the organization and our columns are always open to it whenever it desires any work that requires the assistance of a newspaper. The leaders of the Society are to be congratulated upon accomplishing so much for the town. The secretary's report is as follows:

After the usual preliminaries the reports of Standing Committee was asked for. For the Library Committee Mrs. Ray reported that 400 volumes including the very best and latest fiction, had been put in the Library Rooms in the Mitchell building; that for the present a subscription would cost one dollar a year for a family, only one book at a time to be allowed out on each subscription.

Those desiring subscriptions could apply to Dr. Henderson or any member of the Library Committee. Mrs. Ray asked that members should place current magazines which they had finished with upon the table in the reading room. Mrs. Furr, chairman, made a report for the Railway Committee. For the Ways and Means Committee Mrs. Elliott, chairman, reported that she had seen the Mayor and handed in to him the report of the Society—to have the market regulations more rigidly enforced and to instruct the health officer to make an investigation with the Chief of Police, of all the places where soft-ice cream parlors and report the conditions of the same to him, and that the Mayor assured her that he would gladly comply with her request in regard to the market regulations and prompt attention to same, but that he would have to bring the matter of soda-fountain tains and ice cream parlors before the Board of Commissioners before any action in regard to their inspection could be taken.

The President then gave a short report of the proceedings of the meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs so recently held in Henderson. Mrs. Powell emphasized the importance of the work, the Health Department is doing in North Carolina. The address of Dr. Rankin, of the State Board of Health telling how to prevent such diseases as tuberculosis and typhoid fever, the remarks of Mrs. W. H. Hunt, of Raleigh describing how a County Society for the Prevention of Disease should be organized and the good it might do and his talks made by Mr. Routzabu, of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis were other main features of Mrs. Powell's report.

The Mayor of Oxford was then requested to address the Society. At the close of Mr. Brummitt's address Dr. T. L. Booth, recently elected City Health Officer, after congratulating the Society upon changes it had wrought in public sentiment during its two years of public life, assured the Society that although his authority was limited, he would help in any way he could. He reported conditions far from good in our market-house and recommended that the Society demand the use of fly-screens and the daily use of a disinfectant on counters and tables. He

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