

The Oxford Public Ledger

WHAT GOOD ROADS WILL DO.

Essay Which Won Second Prize at County Fair on "What Good Roads Mean to Granville County."

The one subject that has always attracted the attention of real statesmen, especially in recent years, is that of the uplifting of rural life.

Among the most powerful factors in uplifting rural life is that of good roads. There are two general ways in which these benefit the farmer and the world namely, by (1) increasing the commerce and wealth of the rural districts and by (2) helping to improve the general culture of those who reside in rural districts.

How many good roads increase the wealth of the land through which they are built? There are many answers to this question, some of which are:

(1) Good roads increase the value of lands in their vicinity. For instance, a farmer of Mecklenburg County, which has the best lands in North Carolina, was asked to estimate the value of his land had on the office of land. He replied "There are now no lands for sale, but if any were for sale they would be worth at least \$5.00 per acre more, if situated on the macadam road less than they were before we had the road." That is a gain of more than \$5,000 a square mile. In some counties in North Carolina, the lands on the macadam roads sell at from \$15 to \$20 per acre and at 100 ft. whereas it is no better land than some which can be bought at from \$5 to \$8 per acre in sections where there are no macadam roads.

(2) Good roads increase the value of property other than land. In remote parts of Granville County many are standing at present because of the dirt roads which could be built at a price which would command a good price. And not only timber, but corn, wheat, fruit, and vegetables are included.

(3) Good roads will bring the railroads to a county. Several years ago the Southern Railway company had a special train carrying road experts about the country to encourage the people to build better roads. The better the roads are, the more prosperous the country is, and the more traffic the railroads have. As one of those on the train said, "The railroads prosper with the prosperity of the people and suffer from the poverty of the people."

(4) Good roads are more economical than bad roads. Dr. George T. Winston says "We the people of North Carolina pay ten millions of dollars annually as tribute to clay, sand, rocks, and hills, not to mention tired beasts, called shoulders, sore backs, and profane drivers. One tenth of what we waste annually on bad roads would give a seven months' term to every school in North Carolina; \$10,000,000 thrown away on bad roads." It has been proved by road building experts that good, permanent roads may be had at a small cost in comparison. The majority of the people are opposed to issuing bonds for any and every purpose, but in this case the cause is justifiable. The chief thing is to employ those who know how to use the proceeds from the bonds wisely.

(5) Good roads save time, money, and horsepower for the farmer. One farmer who lived in a section where the roads had been macadamized said that his team could pull twice as much on the macadam road as on a dirt road. Many a horse and mule has had his life shortened and many a farmer and driver has lost his temper because of bad roads.

Now the second question is: How may good roads increase the intellect of the farmer? It has been found that the most cultured and enlightened farmers reside in communities where the roads are good. They are social beings and man's intellectual light increases with his knowledge of other men and their customs. There are several ways in which good roads help men to meet with each other:

(1) Good roads are a valuable aid to the churches. In many rural districts the Sunday schools close in winter because of poor roads. To accomplish anything a Sunday school should be open every Sunday in the year. Better roads would improve church attendance, cause increased collections, and help the people to receive that intellectual and social stimulus which the church gives, not to speak of the great benefit to religion.

(2) Good roads will improve the schools. There would be little use of building a fine school-house, giving it the best equipment, and employing able teachers, if the children could not reach the school. In many country schools attendance is often considerably affected by the bad condition of the roads over which the children must travel. All who think realize the importance of education, that it means a trained citizenship, ready and able to do their part in the uplifting of county, state, and nation.

(3) Probably the most important benefit of good roads is that of rural free delivery. In the wet seasons mail carriers are frequently kept from making their trips because a stream up to the road is too muddy. This would not be the case if the roads were properly worked, will not establish a route where the roads are too rough.

As for the benefits of rural free

Elegant Banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Smith entertained most hospitably, Saturday evening, by a banquet complimentary to their guest Mr. Lovejoy, who is enjoying the pleasures of bird hunting in Granville a few weeks. The parlors of the Exchange Hotel were brilliantly lighted and thrown open for the enjoyment of about a hundred invited guests.

When ushered into the spacious dining room the attractive tables were beautifully adorned, and the supper was very elaborate, consisting of a special course elegantly prepared and broiled quail in abundance and temptingly served made a rich menu enhanced by pickles, celery, the best of old Virginia ham, and fine bread and beaten biscuits.

After supper the ladies spent a social hour most pleasantly while the men assembled in one of the parlors and enjoyed the Havanas. All present left indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for the pleasant evening and the hospitality extended.

Oyster Supper.

We are going to have for the benefit of the Sunbeam Band of Stovall N.C. on Monday night Dec. 5th an oyster supper beginning at 8 o'clock.

"Come" bring your wives, friends and sweethearts.

Honor Roll of Hester School.

Sprague Tunstall, Lillie Bell Overton, Frank Stem, Pervis Bullock, Nellie Bullock, Rena Crews, Henry Clay, McCullen Tunstall, Gladys Minor, Gladys Stroud, Hel Pirard, Hiram Minor, James Melvin, Lord Dickerson, Holler Stem, Annie Fleming, Hallie Ester.

Box Party.

The public is cordially invited to attend a box party and oyster supper given by Granville School Friday night Dec. 2nd, 1910, at the school building, near Culbreth.

More Prizes.

In some way the names of the winners of prizes on 2nd and 2nd ducks in the county fair were lost. We have the numbers, and the prizes will be paid if winners can be located.

In Memory of Senator A. S. Clay.

We, the members of our local and State Association, and Rural Letter Carrier at Oxford, N. C. assembled in a called meeting in Oxford, this Nov. 19th, 1910, to pay tribute to the memory of our deceased friend, Senator A. S. Clay of Georgia.

Resolved 1st. That Senator Clay was indeed a true man. He was in every way worthy of the confidence of the people whom he represented.

Resolved 2nd. That Senator Clay had the interest of the people at heart. He was the true friend of the R. F. D. man not only of Georgia, but of the whole United States, and we realize that we have lost a true friend.

We bow in humble submission to an all wise God, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his aged parents and the entire family, praying God's richest blessings upon them all.

Resolved 4th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Atlanta Constitution, and to the family of Senator A. S. Clay; also to The Oxford Public Ledger.

D. N. Hunt, Oxford, N. C. President of Local Association, and Chaplain of The Rural Letter Carriers Association of North Carolina.

The Carriers of North Carolina stand ready to help the carriers of The United States erect a monument to the memory of this good and great man.

delivery, they are too numerous to mention. Before the routes were established, farmers had to wait days, weeks, and even months before they would get their mail. Letters were no assurance that they would be mailed before their news was stale. And what farmer will take a daily paper if he gets his mail but once a week? The rural free delivery has caused the farmers to write more letters, take more papers, and therefore to read more. As a result they are becoming better church members, better farmers, better citizens, and better men. By keeping posted on the news of the day, they are saving time, money, and labor. For instance a farmer near Baltimore was visited by a buyer of wool. The farmer had 1,000 pounds to sell. The buyer offered him 18 cents a pound, but the farmer refused to accept it because he had already received from the rural carrier a morning paper which showed that washed wool brought 22cents a pound in the Baltimore market the day before. The compromised on 21 cents a pound, so the farmer saved 3 cents a pound by reason of the valuable information he had.

Thus we see that good roads, by so simplifying our means of communication, our country better and by bringing rural free delivery, will cause men to settle here whose intelligence and wealth will do much towards developing the resources that we have.

Oscar H. Ragland.

Stealing Chickens.

Ernest Horton and Aron Neil, both colored, were inspecting the hen house of Mr. Ernest Bragg, when the owner appeared upon the scene and caught both of them. Aron Neil had killed the fowl that he was inspecting and Ernest Horton ran into the stable and suddenly a hen flew from under his coat, Mr. Bragg seeing the chicken.

When tried at court this (Tuesday) morning, Ernest said he didn't know anything about the hen house inspection. When asked what he was doing in the barn at that time of the night, he replied that he had come on social visit to his friend who was working for Mr. Bragg.

Aron admitted that he was self appointed hen house inspector on Sunday night, and that he had taken the chicken in exchange for service of inspection. Aron thought he ought to have some pay for his night service. "For that hen house inspection last Sunday night, Ernest was bound out to Alex Peace, colored and Aron Neil was bound out also."

Death of Little Baby.

The Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hicks November the 9, 1910, and took from them their dear little baby girl, Carrie Leonia aged three months and twelve days. She had not been sick but a few days when the end came. We were sorry to give her up, but all we can say "Thy will be done". Their home is vacant, the little clothes laid by a mother's joy a father's pride in death's cold arms it lies.

The dear little girl sleeping sweetly in the arms of Jesus, was laid to rest in the old Dickerson family burying ground.

The funeral services were conducted by pastor A. S. Harris.

The Following Invitation Has Been Received.

Cannady-Episcopal. Mr. and Mrs. James Ratford Faithful requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Bertha Rena to Mr. William Edward Cannady on the evening of Wednesday, the seventh of December One thousand nine hundred and ten at eight o'clock Foster Street Methodist Church Dothan, Alabama.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

Our readers have doubtless noticed the advertising of the Cortright Metal Roofing Co., 50 N. 23rd St., Philadelphia, Pa., which has been appearing in the "Ledger" for some months past and we hope those who have had reason to be interested in roofing material have profited thereby. The Cortright Company is by far the largest maker of Metal Shingles in the world, and their product is well and favorably known over the entire United States. They are always glad to give prompt attention to inquiries and either to send samples and quote prices to those likely to be in need of roofing or to refer them to a nearby local Agent.

SKIN AFFECTIONS.

Whether On Infant or Grown Person Cured By ZEMO And ZEMO Soap.

An Annual Offer. The J. G. Hall Drug Store says to every person, be it man, woman or child, who has irritated, tender or itching skin to come to our store and procure a bottle of ZEMO and a cake of ZEMO soap and if you are not entirely satisfied with results, come back and get your money. So confident are we of the efficiency of this clean, simple treatment, that we make you this unusual offer.

ZEMO is a clean liquid for external use that has cured so many cases of eczema, pimples, dandruff and other forms of skin eruption. ZEMO and ZEMO soap are sold by druggists everywhere and in Oxford by J. G. Hall. ZEMO and ZEMO are the most economical as well as the cleanest and most effective treatment for affections of the skin or scalp, whether on infant or grown person.

"Two Record Breakers."

On last Friday our entire break consisting of nearly ten thousand pounds made an average of twenty-two and 72-100 dollars for every pound of tobacco on our floor. Again (Tuesday) for a much larger break we made an average of \$20.00 for the entire sale. For nearly one week, all the tobacco we have sold has made an average of nearly \$29.00.

Below we give a few prices just obtainable on our floor: Clayton Bros. 14; 16; 24 1-2; 35 40; 50; 55; W. H. Tillotson Jr. 10; 16 1-2; 23; 45; 55; 27 1-2; 17; T. S. Averett 12 1-2 17; 32 1-2; 45; 50; 19; 11; W. A. Hockaday, 14; 24 1-2; 45; 50; 25; 17; 10. We lead others follow: Talk is cheap, it takes money to buy land. Our books will show the facts of you want the highest dollar for your tobacco drive straight to the Farmers Warehouse.

Yours to serve, J. F. Meadows & Co.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Stockholders Authorize \$7,500 to be Raised and Elect Officers—People Subscribing Stock Very Readily.

During court recess last Monday noon, the stockholders of the Granville Agricultural Association met in the court room and authorized the raising of \$7,500 for the purpose of carrying out the plans of the Association. At the same time, these officers were elected to serve during the following year. President B. M. Caldwell, first vice-president, E. C. Harris, second vice-president E. C. Harris, directors, S. W. Parker, A. W. Graham, A. H. Powell, G. L. Allen, Wm Landis, W. B. Ballou, J. T. Cozart, L. T. Willford, T. G. Currin, and E. A. Bobbitt.

Squire B. Frank Hester was called to the chair and Judge Graham was asked to state the object of the meeting. After giving the necessary information, the judge referred to the proposition to secure a general utility man who would with his other duties look after the interests of the association. The government at present pays \$350 for a farm demonstrator, the county adding a like sum. The Judge thought that the state might chip in a bit and the association finish out an amount sufficient to get a goodman for \$1,000 or \$1,200. This man could fill the position of secretary to the association, since the duties that he would have to perform for the state and federal governments and his supervision of the corn contests and other county interests would be largely in line with that office. No action was taken, but it is more than probable that such a valuable suggestion will be acted upon very soon.

In recognition of the valuable assistance rendered during the recent fair by the state and the A. and M. College, the following were appointed a committee to draft a resolution expressing thanks for the kindly offices: A. H. Powell, J. F. Webb and E. C. Harris. At the same time, upon motion of Judge Graham, a resolution of thanks was also ordered to be spread upon the records in acknowledgment of the indispensable services of these gentlemen: Messrs. A. H. Powell, J. F. Webb, D. G. Buchanan, E. W. Hancock, and H. M. Campbell.

The Association is now upon a sound, working condition. It is offered by a set of men who do not know how to fail and is bound to score a big success. The people have caught to the fever and subscriptions are being merdily enrolled. Next year we can look forward to a monster fair, one that will make the folks in other counties sit up and rub their eyes.

Corn Club.

Owing to the fact that the notice in regard to measuring corn, requiring it to be all done the same day was published so late that many of the boys had already gathered their corn, it has been decided by the executive committee of the Boys Corn Club to eliminate that section of the regulations for this year. It will be necessary, however, for each contestant to send in a signed statement that the corn reported was grown on the acre of land laid off by the judge, that he is between 10 and 19 years of age, and that not over \$10.00 worth of commercial fertilizer was used on the acre.

This is in addition to the statement signed by the measuring judge J. F. Webb.

Look Out For the Bazaar.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will hold a bazaar in the Crucible Drug Store, on Thursday the 1st and Friday the 2nd, of December, and the people of the county and town and adjoining towns are earnestly requested to lend their assistance by attending this bazaar.

You can get a good stew of oysters for 25 cents and you can get a good part of a turkey for the same amount, and 10 kinds of eatables will be served at this bazaar. Everybody come.

YOU TAKE NO RISK

Our Reputation and Money are Back of This Offer.

We pay for all the medicine used during the trial, if our remedy fails to completely relieve you of constipation. We take all the risk. You are not obligated to us in any way whatever, if you accept our offer. Could anything be more fair for you? Is there any reason why you should hesitate to put our claims to a practical test?

We urge you to try Rexall Orderlies at our risk. Two sizes, 10c and 2c. Remember, you can get Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store, J. G. Hall's.

A Meeting.

There will be a reciprocity meeting between the Shakespeare Club, Woman's Club, and the Civic League at Mrs. Hays on Dec. 6.

CORN EXPOSITION.

Farmers Are Urged to Enter This Exposition.

The South Atlantic Corn Exposition, to be held in Columbia, Dec. 5-8, 1910, which is the first undertaking of its kind ever attempted in the South, gives every promise of being a great success.

The State Corn Contest and the Boys' Corn Clubs have developed and are still developing the public interest in the matter of yields of corn. Now, that so much has been accomplished in that direction, this Corn Exposition is to be held with a view of setting the machinery in motion to improve the quality of the corn raised in this and our sister states, to stimulate breeding work and make corn bring more per bushel.

No one should fail to compete and send exhibits to the exposition because he has read of one man or boy making a phenomenal yield, and because he fears to enter into competition with such. At the exposition all exhibits will be judged as to quality whether they are from lots of corn from the large producing acres or not. They will be scientifically judged and scored and the corn from a low yield field stands an equal chance with any other.

I would, therefore, urge all corn growers, men or boys, who have what they consider good corn, either prolific or single ear, white or yellow, to apply at once to N. J. Metler Superintendent of Entries, Department of Agriculture, Columbia, S. C. for premium lists, entry blanks and shipping instructions, and enter the competition. The prizes are numerous and handsome and at the present stage of development corn growing one man stands as good a chance at these prizes as another.

Entries should be made at once. A. B. Hudson, Chairman of Commission.

Honor Roll of Hester School.

First Grade, Christian Latta, Sennet Meadows, Irvin Ellis, Jennie Woody, Willie Blueck. Second Grade, Thelma Harvis, Allie Worham, Josephine Thomas, Bebie Jones. Third Grade, Gladys Jones, Bernard Jones. Fourth Grade, George Worham. Fifth Grade, Kathleen Jones, Margate Jones. Sixth Grade, Gertrude Jones, Hawkins Jones, Sophia O'Brian. Seventh Grade, Hattie Jones, Clarence O'Brian. Eighth Grade, Luella O'Brian, Duley Satterwhite.

Honor Roll Oak Hill District No. 1.

Alary Frazier, Carrie Frazier, Eessie Morton. Honor Roll of Concord School for Month Ending Nov. 18. First Grade, Effie McGee, Ruth Daniel.

Second Grade, Carvell Banks Clark, Alvin Wheeler, Charlie Parrott, and Herbert Parrott. Third Grade, Mary Lou Averett, John Kitchen Roycroft. Fourth Grade, Leon Rux Averett, Grace Alene Fleming, Martha Roycroft. Fifth Grade, Lizzie Clark, Pradie Coley, Lullie Fleming, Ethel Roycroft, Dora Cash. Sixth Grade, Gertrude Fleming, Bessie Dameron, Ama Cayton. Seventh Grade, Gertrude Fleming, Bessie Dameron, Ama Cayton. Teachers, Davis Sells Oxford Buggies.

Wrenn and Barbara Buggy next week as cheap as your dealer can buy it. Don't forget the day the date, Dec. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

On Tuesday, Misses Jannette Biggs and Lily White entertained complimentary to Mrs. W. H. Pace, the accomplished and popular bride who is receiving most cordial welcome by a host of friends in the community.

Miss Belle Cooper left for Norfolk Saturday morning called there by the sickness of Mrs. Chas. G. Ellett who is suffering with neuritis and is visiting the family of Mrs. Conn.

Honor Roll Tally Ho School.

Eight Grade, Wirta Cash. Seventh Grade, Ora Lee Walters, Hettie Overbey. Sixth Grade, Ida Walters, Senie Thomasson, Blanche Bragg. Fifth Grade, Harriet Thomasson, Bessie Overbey, Mammie Daniel. Fourth Grade, Paul Walters, Jessie Overbey, Halie Stroud. Third Grade, Lizzie Overbey, Ford Farabow, Thelma Overbey, Ewell Ellington. Second Grade, Loyd Brooks. First Grade, Inez Walters.

Mowers and Rakes. Deering Make, to be sold at Davis' sale next week, below cost. I f you don't need a mower until next spring, buy now, and see what you save.

REALISTIC ROMANCE.

That Begins Back East and Ends Here—Generous Uncle Bill Gives Timely Advice to his Newly Married Niece.

In a remote hamlet back east lived a demure maiden and a bashful man, who had for some years been living without one another. The same object before them, both were hopeless victims of "love miseries" that were doing the most effectual work under the direction of Cupid himself. Finally Harry suddenly woke up one day and decided that procrastination was the thief of time and bliss, and he immediately set about to bring matters to a focus. Very soon there was a wedding, and it wasn't much longer before their Uncle Bill Taylor, of Oxford wrote effusively of what he termed "grit" and proposed that if they would locate here, he would start them up in life. Very soon they began to bid love ones adieu and were soon speeding in this direction.

"When the train pulled in, this generous Uncle Bill was at the depot to greet them and welcome a much elated couple, and after hearty congratulations, he conducted them straightway to the Exchange Hotel. It was at breakfast table next morning while partaking of a tempting menu that was politely served, that Uncle Bill first unfolded his plans to the appreciative newcomers, obligating himself, first of all to build and furnish for them a modern home. "But, meantime," he said "you will find this place a pleasant and most agreeable place to live, since it is widely known as our best appointed and a most zealously managed hotel, and a favorite with the 'Knights of the Grip' under the good management of Mr. L. F. Smith who personally looks after the welfare of those under the roof of the Exchange Hotel."

"Come said the generous Uncle rising from the breakfast table, the picture is now mine to introduce to you our town, your future home. Then, too, I want to arrange to build the new house right away. And of course, it is important that we select a pleasant and beautiful location where we may have agreeable environments about us. Uncle Bill was soon assid, and the young couple were eager and beaming with expectancy. "First we shall go in and confer with Granville Real Estate & Trust Company our well informed and wide awake real estate and insurance men here, where is always listed the best residence and business properties in town, or in the country about, who will honestly represent same." Just a little later the trio were courteously received at the office, and it wasn't long before The Granville Real Estate & Trust Co. had a check for an attractive residence site, on which Uncle Bill will at once have erected a handsome residence.

"Now I am at sea, said Uncle Bill. It beats all how they build houses these days, considering the way they built them fifty years ago. Why, the modern houses of to-day have conveniences and comforts that one of my time never dreamed of. But I know one who can help us out of this dilemma," he suddenly remembering W. H. Fogleman as a man of original ideas in practical architecture and building; also as being actively associated with the building interests here. Mr. W. H. Fogleman very soon has the plans ready for a prestigious \$5,000 residence for the bride. The interior is renaissance of Gothic effect, symmetrical in appearance and commodious to a degree in its interior arrangement, and is just what the bride had longed for, the construction of which will be begun by him at once.

"Good lumber and good material go hand in hand with good workmanship when it comes to building a good house. The appearance or substantialness of such depends also upon the quality of the mill-work used in obtaining a finished effect. Now about the lumber, mill-work and sundry requisites coming under this heading, I am going to see L. B. Turner our five and best experts of lumber and building material here. The yards, sheds and warehouses are always filled with rough and dressed lumber of all dimensions, and the manifold requisites in building material including the paint oils and varnishes as well as some beautiful hardwood materials for the new house adequate to meet the demands of the exacting public."

It is needless to say that L. B. Turner did not wish the bill or lumber and every item for the whole job. Uncle Bill remarked that he found these people very prompt and agreeable to do business with.

"About the plumbing remarked Uncle Bill, we can't see too much care, for good health and many comforts are dependant upon sanitary plumbing and scientific ventilation and heating, and when coupled with the use of porcelain bathtubs, good sinks, and handsome and appropriate fixtures, to say nothing of the conveniences it combines a pleasing interior finish which is most desirable. To avoid encountering any trouble in after years, I am going to have P. H. Montgomery to execute the plumbing and heating contracts," said Uncle Bill. "Then we can expect a fair deal, for this is the kind of reputation that P. H. Montgomery has won with a cognizant public for doing things."

It is the task of the painter and decorator that counts most in obtaining artistic and harmonious results," chipped in the bride. "For Continued on page 4.