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## THE OXFORD WOMAN'S CLUB CONSIDERED FROM A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL STANDPOINT

This Agency Alone Has Added Property Values to Oxford of Half Million Dollars During the Last Six Years.

### "The Garden Mart."

When she was a small little girl, Mrs. R. G. Lassiter read a volume entitled "The Garden Mart." The bringing together of the big book and little girl is largely responsible for much of the civic beauty enjoyed by the people of Oxford, and it has served to establish Oxford in the minds of tourists as the prettiest spot between Washington and New Orleans. "The Garden Mart" is the angelic ward of the Forestry Department of the Oxford Woman's Club. The most profound secret of the whole universe is entrusted to the keeping of this department of human endeavor, but a covetous man may behold a beauty spot and attribute it to Nature and not realize the divine touch and power that created it and brought it into existence. The true value of the "garden mart" held in Oxford last Friday afternoon, like its predecessors, cannot be estimated until the seasons come and go and the hedgerows, nooks and corners and vacant lots are made radiant and healthful by the same touch and power that brought into being the parkways and art-squares that adorn the streets and homes of Oxford.

### The Social Hour.

"The Garden Mart," held here annually, is within itself a very pleasant event, and the "mart" at the home of Mrs. A. H. Powell last Friday afternoon was no exception to the rule. The flowers, in all their loveliness, were tastefully grouped on the spacious veranda, and a committee was appointed to judge their beauty and announce awards. The list of the exhibitors, the names of the flowers and the awards will be announced in the Public Ledger later. In connection with the flower fete, a pleasant half hour was spent on the lawn at Mrs. R. G. Lassiter, where a group of bright little human flowers, arrayed in all their beauty, held sway. These precious little children were under the direction of their teacher, Miss Lillian Minor, of the Oxford Graded School.

### Art and Nature Combined

Passing in review of the flowers at the home of Mrs. A. H. Powell, the visitors found themselves in the most secluded and prettiest spot imaginable. Here you came in contact with nature and art combined. Mrs. Powell has certainly practiced what she has been teaching for the past several years. A dense shade, a green velvety lawn, a grape arbor and a bright flower overhead, here and there at the proper interval, reminded one of a diamond in the sky. In this lovely paradise of a half acre, ice cream, strawberries and cake were served by pretty maidens. All of these things, tastefully and timely arranged, contributed to make the "mart" a social success, and the seed that was planted in the mind and the heart will germinate and yield tenfold beauty.

### Brings Health and Wealth.

We have but to refer to one fact to prove that the Forestry Department of the Oxford Woman's Club is the best financial asset of the town and county. In a quiet, unassuming manner this agency has added an estimated property value of a half million dollars to Oxford in the past six years. If you don't believe this assertion all you have to do is to try to purchase a residence on any street facing a parkway or art-square, placed there by and through the good offices of the Woman's Club, and compare it with prices five or six years ago. While quoting the price of a residence to a prospective purchaser the other day, the owner pointed to the parkway in front of his home and said: "Look, see what nature has done; that alone adds fifty per cent to the value of the property." If he had said: "Behold what the Woman's Club has done" he would have told the truth.

## 77TH DIVISION MADE LARGEST ADVANCE OF ANY AMERICAN UNITS

Washington, May 19.—Official records of the War Department show that the 77th Division made a larger advance against the enemy than any other of the American divisions in France.

The New York City National Army went forward a total of 71 1-2 kilometers. The second (Regular) division advanced a total of 60 kilometers, and the 42nd (Rainbow) division 55 kilometers.

## JUDGE WILLIAM A. DEVIN POPULAR WITH THE MASSES

Admiring Friends Multiply In All Parts of the State.

Judge Devin has been holding court in the eastern part of the state for several months. The papers in that section have had considerable to say about the able and popular Judge from Oxford. The Washington Daily News last Thursday said: "Judge W. A. Devin, of the Superior Court, who has presided over the two weeks' term which is now near its conclusion, is one of the most efficient, capable and popular members of the legal fraternity in North Carolina."

"Judge Devin has made himself popular with every person who has had occasion to take part in the proceedings of the court, with the possible exception of some of the plaintiffs and defendants for of course no judge can please everybody. He has dispatched his work in a most able manner and has won the admiration of every lawyer for his efficient work. Washington is always glad to have Judge Devin here and it is to be hoped that he will come again soon."

### GIVE YOUR LIMIT!

Salvation Army Home Service Fund \$13,000,000 For Humanity May 19-26.

The following is the creed of the Salvation Army:

"I am friend of the friendless; I am mother to the motherless; I am champion of the weak and the humble; The poor and unfortunate of 63 countries and colonies know me well; I serve on the fields of battle in time of war; I build my trenches in the streets of poverty in time of peace; I believe a man may be down, but he's never out."

Granville county is asked to give \$2,000. Mr. Andrew Jamison is the county chairman of the campaign, and Capt. Will Fleming is the chairman of the drive in Oxford. Help the noble cause.

### THE WATKINS' APARTMENTS.

Nice Press Brick Front To Go Up On College Street.

Mr. Sam Watkins and associates have cleared the ground on College street, adjoining the Johnson warehouse, for a handsome apartment house.

The building will be 90 feet wide, 100 feet deep and three stories high, fireproof throughout with a press-brick front, and the interiors will be modern in every particular, says the promoters.

The building will be ready for occupancy by the first of November, it is thought.

While this apartment house will partly relieve the congestion here, it is not a speck in a mill pond as compared to the demand for houses in Oxford. The apartments will find ready renters at a good price, and so would thirty or forty small neat comfortable homes.

### WOULD BE HARD TASK FOR ENEMY TO LAND TROOPS ON OUR SHORES

Estimates of War Department in 1915 Proved By War Experience to Be Too High.

Washington, May 20.—General March announced that experience in troop transport during the war had shown that estimates made by the War Department in 1915 as to the possibility of a foreign nation landing troops in the United States were entirely too high.

These estimates, General March said, included 387,000 men in sixteen days by Germany, 404,000 by France in the same time; 180,000 by Austria and 238,000 by Japan. These were based on a calculation of a transport making a round trip every thirty days, whereas experience proved that 35 days was required for even the very fastest of the transports and 70 days for cargo ships.

### STEM GOES OVER THE TOP

Centenary Fund Oversubscribed By the Stem Church.

It would seem that no task is too great for Stem. They have bounded over in every drive in which they have taken part.

In the Centenary drive the Stem church was asked to subscribe \$1,500. They responded to the tune of \$1,700 and the out of town people have not been heard from.

### Mrs. Chamblee Critically Ill.

Mrs. M. P. Chamblee, who has been in poor health for some time, is dangerously ill. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh, are at her bedside.

## FLIGHT ACROSS THE OCEAN IS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT

The Infallible Trips Was Made At the Remarkable Rate of Eighty-five Miles An Hour.

The Atlantic ocean has been crossed by people in flying machines. It was demonstrated in this first flight across the Ocean that the machine could have gone on beyond the Azores, between which and the Continent of Europe there intervened but 800 miles of water, without a stop—that instead of landing at these islands, the plane could have gone on direct to London or Paris or Berlin or Petrograd.

The world stands in admiring contemplation of the wonderful accomplishment, and best of all, the glory of it is America's. American pilots and American crews manned the first airplane that crossed the Atlantic and it is America that is written in history as the pioneer in across-ocean flight. Out of the experiences of these pioneer planes, will come suggestion for the further perfection of the flying ship.

### Record Made By NC-4.

The NC-4, piloted by Lieut. Elmer Fowler Stone, surpassed all expectations in speed in her trans-Atlantic flight.

The NC-4 got away from Newfoundland at 6:07 p. m. Friday.

Passing over station ship No. 18, nine hundred nautical miles southeast of Newfoundland, shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday morning, she reported to the destroyer Craven that she had maintained an average speed up to that time of 82 nautical miles or 95.53 land miles an hour.

She passed over station ship No. 22, the destroyer Harding, off Fayal, Azores at 8:10 a. m. (New York time) having crossed the Atlantic in less time than it takes to go from New York to Chicago by train.

### The Trans-Atlantic Route.

The first part of the trip was made from Rockaway Beach, N. Y., to Halifax, N. S. This was quickly followed by the second "leg" from Halifax to Trepassey, Nf. With inconspicuous delay, the third and most difficult part of the journey from Trepassey to the Azores, a distance of about 1,350 land miles, was undertaken and successfully negotiated. The other two sections of the flight, from Azores to Lisbon, Portugal, and from Lisbon to Plymouth, England, are comparatively easy flights, the longest being 800 miles.

### The Azores—What They Are and Where Located.

The Azores ("A-Zores") are a group of islands belonging to and 900 miles west of Portugal. Their total population is given as 270,000. They are nine in number and form three distinct groups—a northwestern, consisting of Flores and Corvo; a central, consisting of Terceira, Sao Jorge, Pico, Fayal and Graciosa, and the southeastern, consisting of Sao Miguel and Santa Maria. The total area is about 900 miles square. Sao Miguel (containing the capital, Ponta Delgada), Pico and Terceira, are the three largest. The islands, which are volcanic and subject to earthquakes are apparently of comparatively recent origin, and are conical, lofty, precipitous and picturesque. The most remarkable summit is the peak of Pico, about 7,600 feet. There are numerous hot springs. The islands are covered with luxuriant vegetation.

## EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WAR PERIOD

Washington, May 19.—Total expenses of the United States government during the war period, General March announced was approximately \$23,363,000,000.

The normal expenditure of the government for the same period would have been \$2,069,000,000. Expenses due directly to the war were estimated at \$21,294,000,000, of which the army spent \$14,000,000,000.

## THE SIXTY-SIXTH CONGRESS IS NOW IN SESSION

Call For Extra Session Restores Republicans To Power After Eight Years.

Washington, May 20.—President Wilson's message to the extra session of Congress is in the hands of Secretary Tumulty, it having been received over the cables. It contains approximately 4,500 words and probably will be transmitted to Congress today.

The principal organization feature is the election of Republican officers by both Senate and House, marking the passing of control from the Democrats to the Republicans after being in the hands of the former for eight years.

## OXFORD METHODISTS MAKES LARGEST SINGLE GIFT IN HISTORY OF THE COUNTY

The Oxford Church Was Asked to Raise \$20,000 In Centenary Drive—In Three Hours Actual Work They Secure \$23,562—Outside Membership to Be Heard From.

One hundred years ago the first Methodist missionary society was organized, and the society's income the first year for missionary purposes was \$700. The Methodists of the United States and Canada have inaugurated a campaign, in celebration of their hundred years of missionary activity to raise \$125,000,000 to be used in a world program of evangelistic, educational and medical work. The campaign has been subdivided as follows: The four million Methodists of the northern church plan to raise \$80,000,000, the two million members of the southern branch of the church have undertaken to raise \$35,000,000, and the one million members of the church in Canada have allotted to themselves \$10,000,000. This means that seven million Methodists are this week bending every effort to attain the goal they have set for themselves.

### The Oxford Church.

The Oxford Methodist church, Dr. R. C. Craven, pastor, was asked to raise \$20,000. It organized for the work, and on last Sunday the campaign committee, after much prayer and supplication, launched the drive. After three hours work they returned with the olive branch of peace in their grasp, having pledged amounting to over \$23,500, with outside members such as Dr. B. K. Hays and other members to be heard from, bringing the grand total up to \$23,562 or more. It is the largest gift in the history of the county. The next largest gift in the history of the county was made to the Red Cross fund during the height of the war which amounted to \$14,000.

### The Drive.

After a frugal meal in the church parlors last Sunday at noon the canvassing committees went forth with the following captains under the command of Col. W. B. Ballou, the county chairman:

M. F. Hill, 21 subscribers ..	\$1,220.
Team 2.	
J. S. King, 15 subs. ....	1,950
Team 3.	
Mrs. R. L. Brown, 20 subs ...	1,735
Team 4.	
Mrs. N. H. Cannady, 15 subs 1,655	
Team 5.	
Mrs. D. K. Taylor, 15 subs ....	832
Team 6.	
Miss Carrie Fuller, 26 subs ..	1,270
Team 7.	
Miss Lillian Hunt, 11 subs ....	905
Team 8.	
Miss Helen White, 15 subs ...	865
Team 9.	
W. W. Fuller, 18 subs .....	1,000
Team 10.	
W. Z. Mitchell, 27 subs .....	3,140
Team 11.	
J. E. Jackson, 13 subs .....	1,650
Team 12.	
Miss Annie Crews, outside mem. —	
Team 13.	
Dr. E. T. White, 2 subs .....	1,425
Grand total .....	\$23,562

Safe For Democracy.

The figures above emphasize an important truth, and give amount to the world's challenge for the Christian churches to make democracy a safe thing in a world in process of reconstruction.

These figures are wholly inadequate to reward the fine spirit of unity, and enthusiasm on the part of every one who made it possible for the Centenary drive to be put over in Oxford in three hours, when eight days had been allotted for the campaign.

The raising of over \$20,000 is the least part of the great campaign, as it will inspire and make active church material which has been dormant for years.

### OUR PEOPLE DO THINGS.

We Go Over the Top Every Time.

No place on the globe will you find as big-hearted, generous and noble people as reside in this old town. They are not much on dress parade. They do not wear silk stockings and silk hats, but they have hearts as big and warm as ever pulsed in human breasts.

We go over the top every time, but the pure gift of \$25,000 by the Oxford Methodist church to the Centenary fund leads them all.

### Thanksgiving Service.

There will be a Centenary Thanksgiving service of the women of the Oxford Methodist church in the Lyon Building this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

## OXFORD IS STARTED ON "SURE-ENOUGH" BOOM

Business Houses And Dwellings In Great Demand.

Reconstruction or no reconstruction, this town is starting on a boom, a sure-enough boom, if one is to judge from appearances in many years. One of the sure evidences is that not a single dwelling or business house in Oxford is vacant. One thing is certain and that is that no additional business can come to Oxford until there shall have been some building done, and mighty few families can now move into this place unless some one gets busy and builds some more dwellings. These two shortages are certainly retarding the growth and development of Oxford. It is true there are many new dwellings now under construction, but these are mostly being erected by the owners and will not be for rent. A move will be started, no doubt, soon in an organized way to encourage the building of homes for renting purposes.

## NET-WORK OF GOOD ROADS TO BE BUILT IN THIS SECTION

Millions of Dollars Will Be Spent In Granville and Adjoining Counties.

The building of good roads and the determination to lift North Carolina out of the mud is on in earnest. Fifty counties of the State have already asked for State, Federal and county aid to build good roads, and other counties are getting in line for the great work.

Granville county has asked for a very moderate sum as compared to most of the counties. Vance, which adjoins us on the east, has arranged to spend nearly one million dollars; Durham, on the south, has arranged to spend more than a million and Person county will spend a half million dollars.

The Public Ledger learns on good authority that every high-grade road built in Granville county leading to the Granville-Vance county line will continue on to Henderson in like manner of road. Durham county is going to build highgrade roads up to the Granville county line, which means that we must look to our laurels.

The type of road to be built between Oxford and Henderson is in conformity of a plan adopted by the government; therefore the road from here to Henderson will be of the same style and material. A good roads official here last week told the Public Ledger that the road will have a good heavy coating of top soil and that it will be as smooth as the streets of Oxford and will have a life of five years with ordinary attention and small cost.

The old Oxford-Henderson road may not be adopted as the official county seat to county seat road, says the officials. They look with favor, it is said, upon a more direct road leading out Williamsboro street and a straight shoot to Dabney via way of Salem church. After leaving Oxford a couple of miles it would be on the crest of a ridge all the way to Henderson, it is claimed by those in a position to know, and it is said that it would cost considerable less to build and maintain.

## OXFORD BAPTIST REVIVAL NOW IN PROGRESS

Preaching Every Afternoon and Night By Dr. Dew.

The first of a series of revival sermons at the Oxford Baptist church was preached last night. The meetings will be held every afternoon at 4 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Dew, the noted Southern Evangelist, is assisting Dr. Harto. He is an intense and interesting preacher and confines his remarks to Biblical truths and is entirely void of sensationalism.

### HOMEWARD NEXT MONTH

Washington, May 19.—The fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh regular divisions have been released for return to the United States, General Pershing notified the War Department today. The four divisions are to sail from France in June. The 90th and 81st divisions also will embark that month.

### HEAR MAYOR STEM.

Will Speak In the Court House Tonight at 8:30.

Mayor Thad G. Stem will speak at 8:30 to night in the court house in the interest of the Salvation Army fund. No religious organization ever did more for suffering humanity than the Salvation Army. Mayor Stem saw them at work in the trenches.

## BIG MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD HERE SOON

The Time Has Come When There Must Be Concerted Action

It is requested that every citizen of Oxford who has any interest in the commercial development of the town and county, and as many farmers as can conveniently arrange to come, be present at a meeting in the Court House on an early date. This meeting will be called for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce or some such organization similar for the town and county. The proposition has met with a great deal of interest among quite a number of our leading citizens, and it is urged that all the business men of the town come out to this most important meeting.

The time has come when Oxford and Granville county must have some such wide awake organization which will take hold of matters of public interest if we are to push ahead and keep abreast with the other towns and cities of our state and section.

From the interest manifested at a recent meeting of the old Granville Commercial Club, it is quite evident that some of our citizens at least have finally made up their minds to get together and do something. It must be remembered that an organization for the public must be supported by the public—in other words the Granville Chamber of Commerce must have the cooperation of every citizen in the county and town for whom and by whom it is going to be organized and operated. Come to this meeting and show the men who are taking the scheme in hand that you are in favor of seeing your town and your county push ahead.

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## COMMERCIAL TRAVELER IMPRESSED WITH OXFORD

Will Return and Bring His Friends With Him.

A few nights ago a commercial traveler arrived on the "owl" train and retired to bed early. It was his first trip to Oxford and he expected to see an old sleepy town of about 3,000 inhabitants. Knowing that there were no street cars here to bother his repose, he raised every window in the room so as to let in the fresh air and while he was peacefully dreaming along in the wee small hours of the morning, a whistle blew, and it kept on blowing. He got up and looked out upon the street and everything seemed serene, but the whistle, he said, seemed to get louder and louder and closer and closer.

Alarmed and frightened, the thoroughly distressed man closed the window, stuffed cotton in his ears and got back in bed and ducked his head under a pillow and clamped it down with both hands, but the noise of the ponderous whistle, he said, shook the bed with such terrific force he could not sleep.

But there is always a spark of hope in the breast of a gay and festive commercial traveler, and judging by the sound of the whistle it occurred to him that Oxford was a big town. He had never heard anything like it in all of his travels and he came to the conclusion that all was hustle and bustle here, or else we had a contract to wake up the people as far up the road as Clarksville, the next town that he was scheduled to make.

After the commercial traveler told us all about the whistle, he said that Oxford was the prettiest town that he ever saw; that it surpassed his fondest expectations in every particular, and that he "booked more orders here than at any other place in the last four years, and that he expects to return to Oxford and bring his friends along to hear the early morning concert of whistles.

### SECRETARY DANIELS RETURNS.

War-Torn Areas Visited Made Profound Impression On Him.

Washington, May 19.—Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, after an absence from Washington since March 15, on a tour to foreign countries, arrived in the National capital Saturday.

Secretary Daniels describes with rare insight the war-torn areas as "gaping ruins still bleeding, the devastated towns incite fresh sympathy and the destroyed fields and orchards show the physical extent of the hell of war, without reference to the widowed hearts of hundreds of thousands of people."